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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Re-Election of Minority Leader.

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A communication was received from Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr., of North Reading, that at the Republican Caucus held on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, with twenty-five (25) members present, he had been re-elected as Minority Leader.

Notice of Organization of the Senate.

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A message was received from the Senate announcing that branch had been organized by the election of Karen E. Spilka of Ashland as President and Michael D. Hurley of Boston as Clerk.

Assistant Senate Clerks.

Notice was received that the Clerk of the Senate, Michael D. Hurley, had appointed Stacey O. LeMay of Quincy as Assistant Clerk of the Senate and Andrea Crighton of Lynn as Second Assistant Clerk of the Senate.

Recess.

Recess.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until twenty minutes before noon; and at nine minutes before noon, the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Paper from the Senate.

An order, having been adopted by the Senate, was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

Committee to canvas votes for Councillors.

Ordered, That a joint committee to consist of a member of the Senate and a member of the House of Representatives be appointed for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Councillors in the several districts.

The order then was adopted, in concurrence.

Senators Eldridge, Driscoll, and Durant having been appointed by the Senate, Representatives Stanley of Waltham, Howard of Lowell and Vieira of Falmouth were joined on the part of the House.

Subsequently a report of said committee, having been noted in the Journal of the Senate, was read for the information of the House; and, under suspension of the rules, it was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. The order then was returned to the Senate to be placed on file.

Subsequently the following report of the joint special committee on the returns of votes, having been accepted by the Senate, was read:

From an examination of the returns, it appears from an examination of the returns that the following named persons have been duly elected Councillors in their respective districts, to wit:

District No. 1. Joseph C. Ferreira of Swansea
District No. 2. Tamisha L. Civil of Stoughton
District No. 3. Mara Dolan of Concord
District No. 4. Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., of Boston
District No. 5. Eunice Delice Zeigler of Methuen
District No. 6. Terrence W. Kennedy of Lynnfield
District No. 7. Paul M. DePaulo of Worcester
District No. 8. Tara J. Jacobs of North Adams

The report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Joint Session.

Pursuant to assignment, at one minute before twelve o'clock noon, the two branches met in

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in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the several Councillors-elect, and were called to order by the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate.

Pledge of allegiance.

The President, members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Governor, Lt. Governor arrive.

At seven minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Governor and the Lieutenant-Governor and Councillors-elect entered the Chamber, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Her Excellency the Governor briefly addressed the Joint Session.

Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor briefly addressed the Joint Session.

Communication.

The following communication, together with the return of votes and schedules therein referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:-

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

January 1, 2025.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Canvassing the votes.

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the election held in this Commonwealth on the fifth day of November, 2024, for the Councillors in the several districts, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the Senate and House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution and General Laws.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Oath of Office.

Oath of office.

Before the President of the Senate, and in the presence of the two Houses of Assembly, at fourteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the oaths and affirmations of office were then administered to, and subscribed by Joseph C. Ferreira of Somerset, Tamisha L. Civil of Stoughton, Mara Dolan of Concord, Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., of Boston, Eunice Delice Zeigler of Methuen, Terrence W. Kennedy of Lynnfield, Paul DePalo of Worcester and Tara J. Jacobs of North Adams, as Councillors.

Her Excellency the Governor, Her Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and the Honorable Executive Council then withdrew from the House Chamber, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Mr. Brady, at nineteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the two was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

At twenty-three minutes before one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Speaker Mariano of Quincy moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of James Earl Carter, Jr., who served as a member of the Georgia State Senate from 1963 to 1967, Governor of the state of Georgia from 1971 to 1975, and as the 39th President of the United States of American from 1977 to 1981; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-two minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 6, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Members to be Qualified.

Representatives Carol A. Doherty and Ann-Margaret Ferrante,— qualification.

The Chair announced the appointment of Representatives Michlewitz of Boston, Peisch of Wellesley and Wong of Saugus as a special committee of the House to conduct Representatives-elect Carol A. Doherty, member-elect from the Third Bristol District and Ann-Margaret Ferrante of Gloucester, member-elect from the Fifth Essex District, to the Council Chamber to be qualified at such time as may be convenient to the Governor and Council.

Orders.

Temporary committee on Rules.

On motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton,—

Ordered, That, there shall be a temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House to consist of members of the 194th General Court who were members of the Rules committee at the end of the 193rd General Court, provided that the Speaker of the House shall not be a member of said committee; and provided further that appointments made to such committee shall not be subject to the provisions of House Rules 18 and 18A; and provided further that when constituted in such a manner said committee shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committee on Rules of the House.

The temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House shall be authorized to meet jointly with the temporary committee on Rules on the part of the Senate; and, when constituted in such manner, shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The temporary committee on Rules shall be authorized to utilize joint and House committee resources of the various committees having expertise in the subjects referred to them.

The temporary committee on Rules shall cease to exist upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Rules; and that any matters pending before the temporary committee on Rules shall, upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Rules, be considered to be pending before the permanent committee on Rules.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton,—

Ordered, That, there shall be a temporary committee on Ways and Means to consist of members of the 194th General Court who were members of the committee on Ways and Means at the end of the 193rd General Court, provided that appointments made to such committee shall not be subject to the provisions of House Rules 18 and 18A; and provided further that when constituted in such a manner said committee shall be authorized to perform the duties of the House committee on Ways and Means.

Temporary committee on Ways and Means.

The temporary House committee on Ways and Means shall be authorized to meet jointly with the temporary Senate committee on Ways and Means; and, when constituted in such manner, shall be authorized to perform the duties of the joint committee on Ways and Means.

The temporary committee on Ways and Means shall cease to exist upon the appointment of a permanent committee on Ways and Means; and that any matters pending before the temporary committee on Ways and Means shall, upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Ways and Means, be considered to be pending before the permanent committee on Ways and Means.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton,—

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 22, prior to the appointment of members to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, the Counsel to the House of Representatives shall be authorized to perfect bills and resolves ordered to a third reading by the House or amended by the Senate and resolutions prior to adoption.

House Counsel,— perfect bills.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Supplemental appropriations.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 51), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, January 6.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the temporary committee on Ways and Means.

Member Qualified.

Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante,— qualification.

The Chair announced that the special committee of the House appointed at the preceding sitting, relative to the qualification of Carol A. Doherty, member-elect from the Third Bristol District, Ann-Margaret Ferrante, member-elect from the Fifth Essex District had reported, in part, that on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, Representative Ferrante had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths of office, and was now duly qualified as a member of the House of Representatives.

Change of Name of a Member of the House.

Representative Brandy Fluker-Reid.

Notice was received that Representative Brandy Fluker Oakley of Boston had officially changed her name to Brandy Fluker-Reid. Said name change to be effective for legislative record keeping purposes beginning on January 9, 2025.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

Assisted living.

That (under Section 32 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Mathew Muratore of Plymouth to the Assisted Living Residences Commission;

Corrections Consolidation Commission.

That (under Section 214 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Muradian of Grafton to the Correctional Consolidation and Collaboration Commission. Mr. Muradian replaces Kevin Flanagan on the commission; and

Youth sports working group.

That (under Section 305 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Vaughn of Wrentham to the special working group on youth sports.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Lucas Budiansky on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boys Scouts of America; and — Lucas Budiansky.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Kerans of Danvers) recognizing David P. McKenna for his three decades of service to the Danvers Committee for Human Rights and Inclusion; — David McKenna.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications

Communications

From the Hate Crimes Task Force (see Section 221(e) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) addressing the mission of the task force, targeted objectives, options, recommended actions and metrics to measure the effect of such recommendations on hate crimes for calendar year 2024; — Hate crimes.

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 16G of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on the Office of Performance Management Oversight (OPMO) for fiscal year 2024; — Office of Performance Management.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 12A of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) submitting the annual progress report on the performance and asset management system for calendar year 2024; — Performance and asset management.

From MassDevelopment (see Section 34 of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report; and — MassDevelopment.

From the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (see Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) submitting the 2024 industry report (accompanied by financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024) [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means, Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as required by said law]; — Clean Energy Center.

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. — Next sitting.

Representatives Donato of Medford, Barber of Somerville and Garballey of Arlington then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of John R. Granara, a member of the House from Medford in 1977 and 1978; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at five minutes after eleven A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 13, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communications.

Communications

Energy facilities siting.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 12Q of Chapter 25 of General Laws) submitting the Energy Facilities Siting Board Trust Fund report of the funds' financial activities from November 22, 2023 through November 4, 2024;

Unified Carrier Registration trust fund.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 12R of Chapter 25 of General Laws) submitting the Unified Carrier Registration Trust Fund report of the funds' financial activities from November 22, 2023 through November 6, 2024;

Low-income services solar program.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 2LLLLL of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on disbursements of the trust associated with Low-Income Services Solar Program (LISSP); and

Highway owners.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 39M ½(L) of Chapter 30 of the General Laws) submitting its Highway Owners Representative annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Severally were placed on file.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

State of the State Address.

Ordered, That, a convention of the two branches be held at six o'clock P.M., on Thursday, January 16, 2025, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the Governor, Maura T. Healey, may be pleased to make to them relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointment of the Speaker.

Violence Prevention Services commission.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 149 of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Scott Scharffenberg of ROCA to the special commission to study the Commonwealth's funding structure for violence prevention services as the appointee who shall be from an organization that has received a grant through the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative.

Communications.

Communications

Virtual schools.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 94(p) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting the Commonwealth Virtual Schools legislative report for fiscal year 2022; and

Violent crime and human trafficking.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 4(b) of Chapter 258F of the General Laws) submitting the Certification for Victims of Violent Crime and Human Trafficking report for calendar year 2023;

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Annual Reports

Cultural Facilities Fund.

Of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) and the Massachusetts Cultural Council (under Section 42 of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 report of the Cultural Facilities Fund;

Collaborative Workspace Program.

Of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) (under Section 46(m) of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 report of the Transformative Development Fund entitled: Collaborative Workspace Program [copies of the report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, as required by said law]; and

Clean Water Trust.

Of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (under Section 17 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws) for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 [copies of the report forwarded to the Speaker, the Senate President, the Senate committee on Ways and Means and the House committee on Ways and Means, as required by said law];

Severally were placed on file.

Recess.

Recess.

At eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until ten minutes before six o'clock P.M.; and at six o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with the Speaker in the Chair.

The Speaker having taken the Chair,— Pursuant to assignment, at ten minutes past six o'clock P.M, the two branches met in

JOINT SESSION

Joint Session.

At thirteen minutes past six o'clock P.M., the two branches met in

CONVENTION

In the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of receiving such communication as Her Excellency Maura T. Healy, Governor of the Commonwealth, may be pleased to make relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth; and were called to order by the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate.

Order Adopted.

Notification of Constitutional officers, et al.

On motion of Mr. Rush,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and House of Representatives to wait upon Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Constitutional officers, members of the Executive Council and other distinguished guests of the Governor and inform them that the two branches are now in Convention and request the honor of their presence.

Senators Brownsberger, Friedman, Collins, Oliveira and Tarr were appointed on the part of the Senate; and Representatives Gregoire of Marlborough, Cruz of Salem, Barber of Somerville, Domb of Amherst, Scanlon of North Attleborough, LaNatra of Kingston, John Francis Moran of Boston, Chan of Quincy, Smola of Warren, Frost of Auburn and Kane of Shrewsbury were appointed on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Ms. Friedman, for the committee, reported that the Constitutional officers, the Executive Council and distinguished guests would immediately attend upon the convention.

Shortly thereafter, Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Kim Driscoll, the Constitutional officers, members of the Executive Council and cabinet members entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Invocation.

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The President in the Chair, then introduced Father John J. Unni, Pastor of Saint Cecilia Church in Boston, who delivered the following Invocation:

Good evening everyone. I am Reverand John Unni, Pastor of Saint Cecilia's Parish in Boston and Chaplain for the Boston Fire Department. Thank you Governor Healey for this honor. So—two collections and this will go about an hour and a half…

As we gather for the State of the Commonwealth tonight, each year brings us many new and similar realities: issues or war and peace, equity and inequity, challenges and opportunities, hopelessness and hope.

So tonight let us be a people of hope even though there can be so much to bring us down individually and collectively. But let's also be realists in our abilities to exercise our role, our freedom and our responsibilities, to continue to this this Commonwealth a good and even better place to be, live and to work.

With all the strife that is rising in the world, in our own country, with terror, with vengeance and retaliation, with all that can dampen and squash our spirits, we must be a people of hope. And we do this best by being individuals, people of decency, honesty, integrity and authenticity. I don't pitch a perfect game, but it is something for which we are all striving.

We need not only to speak of love and compassion but to somehow exercise and promote it and to live it as best we can. We do this by taking care of each other, whatever that means. People who are new to this country and those who have been here forever. By taking care of the environment as our climate changes. I thought tonight, especially as the Chaplain on the Boston Fire, tonight, we especially hold in our hearts, our sisters and brothers in California who have been totally devastated by these wildfires. We pray for those who are fighting the fires, the ones coordinating the efforts those who are responding first as police, EMS and so many other public servants. May we never take for granted how important it is that we take care of one another, especially in the most devastating and vulnerable of times. West Coast – East Coast – in the middle, all of us I think we do this best by not judging but helping, by sharing and empowering, not sniping and fearing.

The challenges of our Commonwealth our country and our world require good, honest, smart, committed leaders to creatively and effectively tackle big problems and big opportunities. We need leaders who are creative, dignified and effective ways. Always recognize the dignity of every human being person first, and then, figure out how to remedy their situations.

So tonight, calling on the God of understanding from our many different beautiful, diverse, faith backgrounds, as we pray:

Lord God, it is from you that each of us has life, purpose and mission in this world. We are not the center of the universe, but each of us has been created by you to do good, and to do it well, as best we can in the time we have been given So we ask you to bless this evenings gathering. Bless and inspire our Governor, Maura Healey, Lieutenant Governor, Kim Driscoll, the legislators, all the elected officials, the cabinet and all in Leadership in this Commonwealth.

Continue to guide the Governor and all of our elected officials with your spirit, which is a spirit of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, heart smarts, with a spirt of gentle strength, compassion and understanding, as we take care of each other, as we step up to our responsibilities, exercise our duties and keep the dignity of every human being in mind as we go forward with these solutions to complex issues, many with simultaneously competing realities at play.

Lastly, as we do this Lord, may we not be afraid, may we not be fear based or vengeful, but may we work together with a spirit of cooperation, always assuming

positive intent being realistic and generous as we face each day in the commonwealth, showing mercy, acting justly and walking humbly with our God.

Amen.

Order Adopted.

The President in the Chair,—

On motion of Mr. Cyr,—

Notification of the Governor.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consist of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to wait upon Her Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two branches are now in Convention for the purpose of receiving such communication as she may be pleased to make to them, relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Senators Creem, Driscoll, Lovely, Rausch and Dooner were appointed to the committee on the part of the Senate; Representatives Hogan of Stow, Garballey of Arlington, Fiola of Fall River, O'Day of West Boylston, Hamilton of Methuen, Donaghue of Westborough, Arriaga of Chicopee, Fluker-Reid of Boston, Ferguson of Holden, Muradian of Grafton and Wong of Saugus, were appointed to the committee on the part of the House.

Subsequently, Ms. Creem and Ms. Hogan, for the said committee, reported that Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healy, would immediately attend upon the convention.

Presentation of Colors.

Presentation of colors.

The President introduced soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment, Massachusetts Army National Guard , who posted the colors.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of allegiance.

The President then introduced the Officer Christopher D'Angelo of the Weymouth Police Department and Lieutenant Bryan Smith of the Whitman Fire Department who led the Convention in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

National Anthem.

National Anthem.

The President then introduced Phaedra Butler, who sang the National Anthem.

Shortly thereafter, Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healy entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

State of the Commonwealth address.

The President then introduced Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healy, who thereupon addressed the Convention relative to the concerns of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 1).

Benediction.

Benediction.

The benediction was given by Rabbi Marc Baker, President and CEO of Combined Jewish Philanthropies, as follows:

Thank you, Governor Healey, for your inspiring words and for your leadership.

It's such an honor for me to be with you tonight. I'm a 4th-generation Bostonian, so this means a lot to me and my family.

Please join me in praying for the well-being of the Governor and Lt. Governor, for the elected officials here today, and for all the elected officials and civil servants across the Commonwealth and our country.

May God, source of justice, truth, and love, before Whom every human leader stands — bless these leaders with the wisdom, discernment, and good judgment to make impossible decisions guided by vision, values, and love for the people they serve.

We are living in fragile times. The problems we face — locally and globally, including natural disasters and war — have no simple solutions, yet require focused, patient, relentless commitment to making the world a better place. In that spirit, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the dramatic progress made yesterday toward returning the hostages and achieving a ceasefire in Gaza. God, may every one of them return home to their families, and may everyone be able to live with dignity, security, and peace.

Times like these can disincentivize well-meaning people from taking on positions of leadership and dedicating their lives to public service. Which is precisely why the work of this chamber is so sacred and so desperately needed right now.

May God bless these leaders with curiosity and open-mindedness, so they may pursue truth and a deeper understanding of our complex world; bless them with patience and compassion for all of us, the citizens for whom they are responsible and whose lives are in their hands. May they find meaning, purpose, and joy in their service, for which we are deeply grateful.

God, let us also remember that the sacred work of building and rebuilding our society is a collective responsibility. This great country was founded on the ideal of a covenantal partnership between we the people and the leaders we have elected to lead us.

When our challenges feel overwhelming, we can be tempted to paralysis or despair. This week, Jews around the world will begin reading the Book of Exodus, which describes the journey from slavery to freedom, from bitterness to joy, from darkness to light. The Exodus story gave us a revolutionary idea: HOPE. Hope is the belief that we are never doomed by the past nor stuck in the present, that the world can be better tomorrow than it is today, and that, like Moses at the burning bush, every one of us has a role and responsibility in making that happen. We have the agency, the power, the God-given creative capacity to change our lives and our world for the better.

And how do we do this? We begin with what in Hebrew is called a cheshbon hanefesh — a reckoning of the soul — an honest look in the mirror and into our own hearts. For it is here, inside each of us, where the work of repairing the world begins. One choice at a time, one relationship at a time, each of us asking ourselves: What can I do today?

May God — source of justice, truth, and love, before Whom every one of us stands — bless each of us, the citizens of this Commonwealth and this great nation, that we may be the people our leaders deserve; grant us the patience and resilience to keep building a better future; give us the moral and spiritual fortitude to fight for the values we hold dear and against those who seek to cause us harm, while protecting every person's dignity and humanity.

God, let us recommit ourselves to all that unites us, let us reweave the ties that bind us; together, let us write the creative, joyful, life-affirming story of our collective future.

And let us say: Amen.
Thank you.

Withdrawal from Chamber.

The President in the Chair, Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healy, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Constitutional officers, the members of the Executive Council, members of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Adjutant General then withdrew from the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Mr. Cyr, at seven minutes past eight o'clock P.M., the Convention of the Two Branches was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At nine minutes after eight o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communications.

Communications

Smart growth.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 12 of Chapter 40R of the General Laws) submitting an update on the Chapter 40R Smart Growth Program for fiscal year 2024;

Electric vehicles.

From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 81 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report providing a projection of available electric vehicles in the Commonwealth for calendar year 2024;

Justice involved women.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 223 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the Justice Involved Women's Panel report for fiscal year 2024;

Natural gas leaks.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 9 of Chapter 149 of Acts of 2014) submitting their annual report on the prevalence of natural gas leaks in the natural gas system for calendar year 2023; and

Government assisted housing.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 1 of Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2006) submitting its annual report on Data Collection for Government Assisted Housing in Massachusetts for fiscal year 2024;

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

Veterans,– property tax abatements.

A report of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (under Section 151 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report entitled: "A Study on Property Tax Abatements and Exemptions for Veterans and Surviving Spouses", was placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At one minute after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Messages from the Governor.

General Appropriations Bill.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting the annual budget of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 (House, No. 1), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 22.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying schedules, to the temporary committee on Ways and Means.

Supplemental appropriations.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 55), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 22.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the temporary committee on Ways and Means.

Higher education,—infrastructure.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 54), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, January 21.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Higher Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Anthony Pate.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Galvin of Canton) congratulating Anthony R. Pate on his one hundredth birthday, were referred under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (see Section 18N of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for calendar year 2024; Domestic violence.

From the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (see Section 6 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting a report on the Victim Witness Assistance program; and Cape and Islands,— victims.

From the Chief Justice of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the prosecution and disposition of certain cases which involved child protection offenses for fiscal year 2024; Child protection offenses.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Quarterly Reports.

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the per centum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2025 compared with such index for the year 2024 (House, No. 52), was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Cost-of-living adjustment,— retirees.

Reports

Of the District Attorney of Essex County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2024; and Essex County,— wiretaps.

Of the District Attorney of Worcester County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2024; and Worcester County,— wiretaps.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024; Plymouth County,— correctional facility data.

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 27, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Municipal roads and bridges.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing long-term improvements to municipal road and bridges (House, No. 53), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, January 24.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

Assistant minority leaders and ranking Ways and Means member.

Notice was received that the House Republican Caucus had ratified the appointments by the Minority Leader, pursuant to House Rule 18, of Representatives Ferguson of Holden to the position of Assistant Minority Leader, Frost of Auburn to the position of Second Assistant Minority Leader and Smola of Warren as the ranking minority party member on the committee on Ways and Means.

Statewide Graduation Council.

A communication was received from the Minority Leader announcing that he had appointed Jim Peyser as his designee to serve on the K-12 Statewide Graduation Council established (under Executive Order 639) to advise the Governor and the Legislature on the development of a statewide graduation requirement.

Guests of the House.

Longmeadow boys cross-country team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the Longmeadow boy's cross-country team, who are visiting the State House to celebrate a monumental achievement for the Longmeadow Boys Cross Country Team.

On Saturday, November 16, 2024, they made history by securing their first-ever state title, and they did so with incredible depth and teamwork. The team's top five finishers crossed the line in 18th, 20th, 21st, 35th, and 37th, accumulating 101 points—more than 30 points ahead of runner-up Marblehead in a competitive field of 23 teams. The seven athletes who made this victory possible are Jacob Abebe (FR), Matt Cournoyer (JR), Spence Deliso (SR), Ethan Halpern (JR), Greg Keane (SR), Andrew Medeiros (SR), and Henry Sacco (SR). This remarkable accomplishment is

a testament to their relentless dedication and teamwork. They should take immense pride in their success, knowing that their hard work and determination have truly paid off. They were the guests of Representative Ashe of Longmeadow and Senator Oliveira.

Nipmuc girls soccer team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Division 3 State Champion Nipmuc girls soccer team. The team, who triumphantly defeated Medfield 1-0 in the finals, was led by 100-goal scorer Kyah Montano, who scored the game-winning goal in the 67th minute of action, securing the Nipmuc program their first state title since 2014. They were guests of Representatives Muradian of Grafton and Murray of Milford and Senator Fattman.

Resolutions.

Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Cataldo of Concord and other members of the House) recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day, were referred under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Persons with disabilities.

From the Massachusetts Permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities (see Section 74(g) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Barnstable County,— wiretaps.

From the District Attorney of the Cape and Islands District (see Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting the Barnstable County annual report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2024;

Hampden County,— wiretaps.

From the Hampden County District Attorney's Office (see Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2024;

Working training.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the monthly Working Training for Emergency Assistance Residents report for January, 2025; and

Community colleges,— equity.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7100-4002 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Supporting Urgent Community College Equity through Student Services (SUCCESS) report for fiscal year 2023;

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eight minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communications.

Communications

LGBT aging.

From the Commission on Older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Adults and their Caregivers (see Section 71 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its biannual report on commission activities for 2023 and 2024;

Workers compensation.

From the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (see Section 17 of Chapter 23E of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2024 [copies of said report were forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, as required by said law];

Juvenile justice.

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 89 of Chapter 119 of the General Laws) submitting a report from the Juvenile Justice Policy Day Board entitled: Improving Massachusetts' Juvenile Pretrial Phase: An Assessment of the Current Pretrial System and Recommendations for Improvement;

Norfolk,— victim witness assistance.

From the Norfolk District Attorney's Office (see Section 6 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on the Victim Witness Assistance program for calendar year 2024;

Northwestern,— wiretaps.

From the Northwestern District Attorney's Office (see Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2024;

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the January 9, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Police Crime Lab.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Chapter 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the first quarter of calendar year 2024; and

Resettlement.

From the Office for Refugees and Immigrants (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report for December, 2024;

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Reports

Of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under item 0340-2100 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its data from the District Attorneys relative to their criminal prosecutions and workloads for calendar year 2024; and

District Attorneys,— data.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Trial Court,— rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 30, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Lunar New Year.

Lunar New Year.

During the session, Mr. Chan of Quincy took the Chair, declared a brief recess and, on behalf of Representatives Wong of Saugus, Chan of Quincy, Nguyen of Andover, Howard of Lowell, Uyterhoeven of Somerville, Sangiolo of Newton and Hong of Lowell, paid tribute to the members of the Asian community of the Commonwealth on the occasion of Lunar New Year, as follows:

On Wednesday, January 29th, the new year of the lunar calendar began. The lunar calendar is the second oldest continuously used calendar in the world, with this year marking the 4723rd year. Many Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean, celebrate the Lunar New Year as a time to spend with family sharing happiness and good fortune.

The lunar calendar is set in 12-year cycles using 12 different zodiac animals to symbolize each year. This year is the year of the Snake, the 6th animal of the 12-year cycle. Persons born this year are observant, mysterious, wise and passionate about how they approach life. This year is expected to be one of transformation and change.

The House Asian Caucus warmly wishes everyone a happy Lunar New Year!

Guests of the House.

Tri-County Cougars football team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the Tri-County Cougars football team. The team recently won the Massachusetts Vocational Athletic Directors Association Small-School State Vocational Super Bowl, the first state title in program history. They were the guests of Representatives Roy of Franklin, Soter of Bellingham, Scanlon of North Attleborough, Philips of Sharon, Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Vaughn of Wrentham, Tarsky of Needham, Howitt of Seekonk and McMurtry of Dedham.

Westborough High School girls volleyball team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Westborough girls varsity volleyball team, their coaches and athletic director. The team won their third consecutive Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 2 Girls Volleyball State Championship win; and they were guests of Representatives Donaghue of Westborough and Kane of Shrewsbury.

Wellesley High School girls swim team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Wellesley High School girls swim team, who won their 5th Division 2 state swim and diving championship this fall. They were accompanied by their coach Doug Curtin, Division 2 swim coach of the year. They were the guests of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley.

Resolutions.

Barbara Lamontagne.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) recognizing Barbara Lamontagne for her tremendous service to the Commonwealth, were referred under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Barnstable,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Barnstable Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024;

Berkshire,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Berkshire County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024;

Bristol,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Bristol County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024;

Dukes,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Dukes County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024;

Essex,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Essex County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024;

Franklin,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Franklin County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024; and

Hampden,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampden County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024;

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, February 3, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Mara Dolan and Thomas Dolan.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced Governor's Councillor Mara Dolan and her brother, Thomas Dolan, a mental health nurse practitioner. They were the guests of the Chair.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules:

Josph Finn.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ayers of Quincy, Mariano of Quincy and Chan of Quincy) congratulating Joseph G. Finn on his decades of work to end homelessness in the Commonwealth; and

Topical steroid withdrawal day.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Moran of Lawrence) recognizing February 3rd as Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome Awareness Day;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of the same member, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The following order (filed this day by Speaker Mariano of Quincy) was referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules:

Sixth Essex Representative District,— time for election to fill vacancy.

Ordered, That the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the General Court from the Sixth Essex District shall designate Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampshire County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024; Hampshire,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Middlesex County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024; Middlesex,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Norfolk County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024; Norfolk,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024; Plymouth,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Suffolk County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024; and Suffolk,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Worcester County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024; Worcester,— correctional facility data.

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Doug Stefancik.

During the session (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Saunders of Belchertown and Duffy of Holyoke, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Doug Stefancik, who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 54 on January 28th, 2025.

Doug was a lifelong resident of Holyoke and dedicated his professional life to public service serving nearly 20 years as town planner in the town of Ludlow. Among his accomplishments, Doug's efforts helped develop renewable energy projects and the revitalization of the Ludlow Mills.

He is survived by his mother Florence J. Stefancik of Holyoke, his sister Karin S. Kane and her husband former Representative Michael Kane of Holyoke, his brother Glen J. Stefancik of Holyoke as well as many members of his extended family. He will be greatly missed.

Member Qualified.

Representative Carol A. Doherty,—qualification.

The Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) announced that the special committee of the House appointed at the sitting of January 6, 2025, relative to the qualification of Carol A. Doherty, member-elect from the Third Bristol District, had reported that on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, Representative Doherty had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths of office, and was now duly qualified as a member of the House of Representatives.

Appointment of the Speaker.

Seasonal communities.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 32 of Chapter 23B(c) of the General Laws) he had appointed Representative Luddy of Orleans to the Seasonal Communities Advisory Council, to serve in the position previously held by Representative Diggs of Barnstable.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

Grandparents raising grandchildren.

The Minority Leader announced that (under the provisions of Section 69 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) he had re-appointed former Representative John A. Lepper of Attleboro to the Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Communications.

Communications

Barnstable,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Barnstable County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Berkshire,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Berkshire County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Bristol,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Bristol County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Dukes,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Dukes County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Essex,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Essex County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Franklin,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Franklin County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Hampden,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampden County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Hampshire,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampshire County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Middlesex,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Middlesex County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Norfolk,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Norfolk County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Plymouth,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Suffolk,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Suffolk County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024; and

Worcester,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Worcester County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

The following notices were received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

February 4, 2025.

Honorable Timothy Carroll
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate made the following appointments:

Assisted Living commission.

Senator Mark C. Montigny (pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) to the Assisted Living Residence commission;

Status of Women.

Re-appointment of Guimel DeCarvalho (pursuant to Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women;

Grandparents raising grandchildren.

Re-appointment of Meegan Best-Simpson (pursuant to Section 69 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the commission on the status of grandparents raising grandchildren;

Id.

Re-appointment of Senator Julian Cyr (pursuant to Section 69 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the permanent commission on the status of grandparents raising grandchildren; and

Emerging firearm technology.

Senators John F. Keenan and Lydia Edwards (pursuant to Section 148 of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024) to the special commission to investigate and study emerging firearm technology.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL D. HURLEY,
Clerk of the Senate.

February 4, 2025.

Honorable Timothy Carroll
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader of the Senate made the following commission appointment:

Correctional consolidation.

Anthony Amore (pursuant to Section 214 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024) to the special commission to study and examine opportunities for collaboration and

consolidation among the department of correction, the county sheriffs, the parole board and the office of community corrections;

Education council.

Hirak Shah (pursuant to Executive Order 639) to the K-12 Statewide Education Council;

Antisemitism commission.

Rita Blanter, replacing Mark Freedman, to the Special Commission on Combatting Antisemitism in the Commonwealth; and

Post-retirement employment task force.

Salisbury Police Chief Tom Fowler (pursuant to Section 198 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) to the task force to study post-retirement employment of public employees.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL D. HURLEY,
Clerk of the Senate.

Recess.

Recess.

At three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at a half past one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Report of Committee.

Supplemental appropriations.

Prior to the noon recess, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the temporary committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 51, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 57) [Total appropriation: $425,000,000.00] [Representatives Smola of Warren, Berthiaume of Spencer, Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, Vaughn of Wrentham and Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting], which was read.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston the bill (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After remarks on the question of passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham moved to amend it by adding the following 3 sections:

"SECTION 8. There shall be established a working group to decide how to utilize the Bay State Shelter following its use as a shelter.

SECTION 9. The working group shall consist of a Representative who represents a town that hosts a temporary respite shelter, appointed by the House Minority Leader; a Senator who represents a town that hosts a temporary respite shelter, appointed by the Senate President; a Town Administrator or manager for a town that hosts a temporary respite shelter, appointed by the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association; a Select Board member for a town that hosts a temporary respite center, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and a School Committee member for a town that hosts a temporary respite center, appointed by the Senate Minority Leader.

SECTION 10. The working group shall submit its report, along with any recommendations, one year from the passage of this act.”.

The amendment was rejected.

There being no objection,— Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 3. Section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (C) the following paragraph:

(C 1/2)(1) The executive office shall require each individual adult applicant or beneficiary to disclose on their initial or subsequent application for emergency housing assistance benefits all prior criminal convictions, whether in the commonwealth or another jurisdiction. The executive office shall not require prior convictions that have been sealed or expunged to be disclosed. Any adult applicant or beneficiary who fails to disclose prior criminal convictions consistent with this paragraph shall not be eligible for benefits and any existing benefits shall be terminated.

(2) The executive office shall require criminal background checks for each individual adult applicant or beneficiary prior to placement into the emergency housing assistance program. The executive office shall establish, through regulations, protocols on information received through these background checks.

(a) For the purposes of this section, ‘Background Check’ shall be defined as a ‘a comprehensive review of an individual’s personal, criminal, and financial history, including but not limited to: criminal records at the state, federal, and international levels; employment history; education verification; immigration or residency status; financial history, including credit checks; presence on international or domestic criminal watch lists.’

(b) The background check shall be conducted by an approved and licensed entity that complies with federal, state, and local laws governing background investigations, including but not limited to the United States Fair Credit Reporting Act.

(c) The required background check shall include, but is not limited to: criminal history review, including state, national, and international records; verification of employment and education history; immigration and residency status verification through the Department of Homeland Security or its equivalent; review of financial history, including creditworthiness, if applicable to program eligibility criteria; social security number verification and identification validation; and, screening against state and federal sex offender registries and other public safety databases.

(d) Law enforcement agencies accessing data under this provision shall adhere to all applicable state and federal privacy and data protection laws.

(e) Individuals with criminal convictions related to violent crimes, sexual offenses, fraud, or other serious offenses committed within the past 10 years may be deemed ineligible for housing program participation, subject to review by the administering agency.

(f) All information obtained through the background check process and data access under this section shall be kept confidential and used solely for the purposes provided in this section.

(g) Administering agencies and law enforcement must establish secure systems for the storage and handling of sensitive information.

(h) Background check and data access procedures under this section shall comply with all applicable state and federal privacy laws, including but not limited to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for international applicants.

(i) Any agency or entity administering housing programs or managing data found in violation of this section shall be subject to penalties, including fines, suspension of funding, or other sanctions as determined by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities or other applicable authorities.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 126 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 1.

[See Yea and Nay No. 1 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

There being no objection,— Mr. Jones and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2A, in line 30, by striking out the figures: “425,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “200,000,000”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Muradian of Grafton; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 126 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 2.

[See Yea and Nay No. 2 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

There being no objection,— Mr. Xiarhos of Barnstable then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 8. Section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as amended by section 120 of chapter 7 of the acts of 2023, is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence:

Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the emergency housing assistance program established herein shall be available only to residents of the commonwealth who are citizens of the United States.”.

The amendment was rejected.

There being no objection,— Mr. Frost of Auburn and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 6, in line 106, by inserting after the word “commonwealth” the following: “who have established Massachusetts residency for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the date of application,”, and in lines 124 to 132, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

“(5) require each applicant for benefits under the emergency housing assistance program to establish Massachusetts residency for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the date of application. Acceptable proof of continuous legal residency in Massachusetts must consist of one of the following forms of documentation, issued at least 12 months before the application date including but not limited to: (i) filed Massachusetts state income tax return for the most recent tax year; (ii) valid REAL ID-compliant Massachusetts driver’s license issued at least one year prior; (iii) utility bill, lease, or mortgage statement in the applicant’s name, dated at least one year prior; Or (iv) pay stubs showing continuous Massachusetts employment for at least 12 months. An applicant shall be required to show an intent to remain in Massachusetts, which may be shown through sources of verification accepted by the executive office. The executive office shall promulgate regulations on sources of acceptable verification which shall include, but shall not be limited to, documentation showing a person receives MassHealth, documentation showing a person receives public benefits in Massachusetts, a bill or other insurance documentation with an address, email, letter or statement from a licensed health care worker on office letterhead or office email stating that the person lives in Massachusetts or a Massachusetts photo identification. For purposes of this section, a residency requirement shall not be required for victims of domestic violence; or a person whose

living situation has been affected by a fire or other natural disaster that occurred in Massachusetts.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Frost; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) 26 members voted in the affirmative and 126 in the negative.

Amendments rejected,— yea and nay No. 3.

[See Yea and Nay No. 3 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

There being no objection,— Mr. Frost of Auburn and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 6, in line 106, by inserting after the word “commonwealth” the words “whose cause of homelessness resulted within the commonwealth of Massachusetts,” and in line 125, by inserting after the word “show” the words “that their cause of homelessness resulted within the commonwealth of Massachusetts, and”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Frost; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 127 in the negative.

Amendments rejected,— yea and nay No. 4.

[See Yea and Nay No. 4 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

There being no objection,— Mr. Frost of Auburn and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 6 by adding the following paragraph:

“(6) require that for any state funded housing program that provides long-term, permanent and stable housing within the commonwealth, the executive office prioritizes benefits to applicants who have established legal residency in Massachusetts and whose initial cause of homelessness and application for such benefits occurred while residing legally in the commonwealth of Massachusetts.”.

The amendment was rejected.

There being no objection,— Mr. Soter of Bellingham then moved to amend the bill by adding the following 3 sections:

“SECTION 8. Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 20R the following section:

Section 20S. (a) Any employee of the Commonwealth considered a court officer pursuant to Sections 69A, 70A, or 71A of Chapter 221 or any state, county or local law enforcement officer, who has lawful custody of a person may, upon receipt of a written request from United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement requesting detention of such person on the grounds that there is probable cause that such person is a removable alien, detain such person for a reasonable period of time after such person would otherwise be released from custody in order to transfer custody of such person to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, provided that such person be provided with a copy of such written request; and further provided that in no circumstances shall such detention exceed 36 hours.

(b) This section shall not be construed to give rise to a private right of action and shall not be construed so as to make unlawful any arrest in this commonwealth which would otherwise be lawful.

SECTION 9. Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end the following section: -

Section 104. In determining original bail, and any subsequent bail pursuant to sections 20D, 20E, 20F, 29, 42, 42A, 56A, 57, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 68, 70, 82, 82A, of Chapter 276 the Judicial Officer presiding over the status of the bail hearing of the individual shall consider the existence of an Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Detainer request from the United States Immigrations and Customs Enforcement

Office. If a written request from United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement requesting detention of such person on the grounds that there is probable cause that such person is a removable alien and (2) an administrative warrant for arrest or warrant of deportation exists then the Judicial Officer shall have grounds to withhold or modify bail pending action on the request from Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

SECTION 10. The provisions of these sections shall go into effect on the effective date of this act.".

Point of order.

Ms. Peisch of Wellesley thereupon raised a point of order that the amendment offered by the gentleman from Bellingham was improperly before the House for the reason that it went beyond the scope of the pending bill.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) ruled that the point of order was well taken, and the amendment was laid aside accordingly.

Appeal from decision of Chair.

Mr. Jones of North Reading thereupon appealed from the decision of the Chair; and the appeal was seconded by Ms. Ferguson of Holden.

The question was then put "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?".

Decision of Chair sustained,—yea and nay No. 5.

On the appeal from the decision of the Chair, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Jones; and on the roll call 128 members voted in the affirmative and 24 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 5 in Supplement.]

Therefore the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 8. Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 20R the following section:

Section 20S. (a) Any employee of the Commonwealth, or a public instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, who holds police powers or the powers of a sheriff or deputy sheriff, including but not limited to municipal police officers, court officers, and state troopers, and who has lawful custody of a person may, upon receipt of (1) a written request from United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement requesting detention of such person on the grounds that there is probable cause that such person is a removable alien and (2) an administrative warrant for arrest or warrant of removal/deportation, detain such person for a reasonable period of time after such person would otherwise be released from custody in order to transfer custody of such person to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, provided that a supervisory officer of such employee's agency has, in accordance with a policy promulgated in accordance with subsection (c), first determined that there are specific facts indicating that the person to be detained poses a threat to public safety; and further provided that such person be provided with a copy of such written request; and further provided that in no circumstances shall such detention exceed 12 hours unless an appropriate judicial officer shall have made a probable cause determination under the procedure set forth in subsection (d).

(b) As used in subsection (a), 'specific facts indicating that the person to be detained poses a threat to public safety' shall mean that, at a minimum, any of the following facts are true with respect to such person:

(1) the person has engaged in or is suspected of terrorism or espionage, or otherwise poses a danger to national security;

(2) the person has been convicted of an offense of which an element was active participation in a criminal street gang, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 521(a);

(3) the person has been convicted of an offense classified as a felony, other than a state or local offense for which an essential element was the person's immigration status;

(4) the person has been convicted of an aggravated felony, as defined under 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(43); or

(5) the person has been convicted of a crime of (i) domestic violence; (ii) sexual abuse or exploitation; (iii) trafficking in persons in violation of sections 50 or 51 of chapter 265 or like violations of the law of another state, the United States or a military, territorial or Indian tribal authority; (iv) burglary; (v) unlawful possession or use of a firearm; (vi) drug distribution or trafficking; (vii) second or subsequent operating or driving under the influence; or (viii) any other offense for which the person has been sentenced to time in custody of 180 days or more.

(c) Each agency of the Commonwealth or any public instrumentality or political subdivision of the Commonwealth that chooses to allow its employees to exercise the authority granted by subsection (a) shall promulgate a written policy designating which supervisory officers may make the determination required by subsection (a) before a person is detained and the criteria such supervisory officer shall use in making such determination.

(d) A determination of probable cause for detention shall be made by an appropriate judicial officer and promptly reduced to writing. The appropriate judicial officer shall consider any information presented by the detaining agency, whether or not known at the time of initial detention. The detaining agency shall present the information under oath or affirmation or under the pains and penalties of perjury, and may present the information orally, in person or by any other means, or in writing. If presented in writing, the information may be transmitted to the appropriate judicial officer by facsimile transmission or by electronic mail or by such other electronic means as may be found acceptable by the court. The determination of probable cause for detention shall be an ex parte proceeding. The person detained shall have no right to appear, either in person or by counsel. If the judicial officer determines that there is not probable cause to believe the person detained is a removable alien, then the judicial officer shall order that the person be released forthwith. Such a determination and order shall be filed in the District Court having jurisdiction over the location of the detention, together with all written information submitted by the detaining agency. Such documents shall be filed separately from the records of criminal cases, and shall be open for inspection by the public. If a determination under this subsection is necessary, the detaining agency shall present the information necessary to obtain such determination to the appropriate judicial officer as soon as reasonably possible after the detention begins, but no later than 12 hours after the detention begins.

(e) This section shall not be construed to give rise to a private right of action and shall not be construed so as to make unlawful any arrest in this commonwealth which would otherwise be lawful.".

Point of order.

Ms. Peisch of Wellesley thereupon raised a point of order that the amendment offered by the gentleman from North Reading was improperly before the House for the reason that it went beyond the scope of the pending bill.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) stated that the amendment would impose requirements by law enforcement and judicial officers beyond what is contained in the original bill, clearly expanding on the provisions of the bill. Therefore the Chair ruled that the point of order was well taken; and the amendment was laid aside accordingly.

There being no objection,— Mr. Xiarhos of Barnstable and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following 3 sections:

"SECTION 8. Chapter 147 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

Section 64. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

'Law enforcement agency in the commonwealth', any state, municipal, college or university police department, sheriff's department, correctional facility, prosecutorial office, court, probation office, or a program of more than one of any such entity, or any other non-federal entity in the commonwealth charged with the enforcement of laws or the custody of detained persons.

'Detainer request' a written request issued by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, or any subdivision or bureau thereof, duly issued to any law enforcement agency of the commonwealth and directing said agency to provide notification before releasing an individual from custody, or to maintain custody of the individual for a period not to exceed 48 hours beyond the time the individual otherwise would be released, or both.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no law enforcement agency of the commonwealth shall establish a policy or directive ordering its officers and employees to fail or refuse to comply with detainer requests pertaining to individuals within the custody of such agency, and no officer or employee of a law enforcement agency of the commonwealth, while acting under color of the law, shall knowingly fail or refuse to comply with the terms of any detainer request pertaining to any individual within the custody of said agency.

(c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a law enforcement agency of the commonwealth in receipt of a detainer request pertaining to an individual within its custody shall notify the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency of any planned release or change in the custody status of said individual not less than 24 hours in advance of such planned release or change.

SECTION 9. All state and local officials with law enforcement responsibilities shall receive training on the requirements of the act within six months of its passage, including training on the legal basis for detainer requests and the procedural steps for compliance.

SECTION 10. Every law enforcement agency of the commonwealth shall provide a report to the secretary of the executive office of public safety and security on or before the fifteenth day of January of each year detailing the number of detainer requests received by such agency during the preceding calendar year, together with an explanation of how many said detainer requests were honored or not honored, and with an explanation for the reasons for any non-compliance, including but not limited to any policy or directive of the agency to dishonor or refuse to comply with such requests; provided, that no such report shall contain any personally-identifiable information concerning any individual subject to a detainer request. The secretary shall collect such information and submit a consolidated report as to the data for each individual law enforcement agency of the commonwealth to the Clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate on or before the fifteenth day of February of each year.".

Point of order.

Ms. Peisch of Wellesley thereupon raised a point of order that the amendment offered by the gentleman from Barnstable was improperly before the House for the reason that it went beyond the scope of the pending bill.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) ruled that the point of order was well taken; and the amendment was laid aside accordingly.

There being no objection,— Mr. Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 8. Require the executive office of housing and livable communities to engage with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement in regard to populations at state shelters and to act in compliance with the United States Immigration and Enforcement detainees.".

Point of order.

Ms. Peisch of Wellesley thereupon raised a point of order that the amendment offered by the gentleman from Billerica was improperly before the House for the reason that it went beyond the scope of the pending bill.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) ruled that the point of order was well taken.

Appeal from decision of Chair.

Mr. Lombardo thereupon appealed the decision of the Chair; and the appeal was seconded by Mr. McKenna of Webster.

The question was then put "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?".

Decision of Chair sustained,— yea and nay No. 6.

After debate on the appeal from the decision of the Chair, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Lombardo; and on the roll call 128 members voted in the affirmative and 24 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 6 in Supplement.]

Therefore the decision of the Chair was sustained.

There being no objection,— Mrs. Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and other members of the House then then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 8. Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 20R the following section:

Section 20S. (a) For purposes of this section, the term 'law enforcement agency' shall include, but not be limited to, any state, municipal, college or university police department, sheriff's department, correctional facility, prosecutorial office, court, probation office or any other non-federal entity in the commonwealth charged with the enforcement of laws or the custody of detained persons. Upon receipt of a written request from the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement requesting detention of an individual on the grounds that there is probable cause that such person is a removable alien, law enforcement agencies shall comply with the terms of any detainer request received under any of the following circumstances:

(i) the individual has been convicted or charged with an aggravated felony offense as defined in 8 U.S.C. §1101(a)(43), including, but not limited to, murder, rape, sexual abuse of a minor, illicit drug trafficking and illicit firearms trafficking;

(ii) the individual has been convicted or charged with a violent crime as defined in 18 U.S.C. §16;

(iii) the individual has been convicted or charged with a criminal street gang offense as defined in 18 U.S.C. §521; and

(iv) the individual has been convicted or charged with a terrorism offense as defined in 18 U.S.C. Chapter 113B.

(b) Any law enforcement agency employee shall comply with a United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention request if said employee determines that the alien poses a threat to public safety or other compelling argument supporting the alien's detention.".

Point of order.

Ms. Peisch of Wellesley thereupon raised a point of order that the amendment offered by the gentlelady from Abington was improperly before the House for the reason that it went beyond the scope of the pending bill.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) ruled that the point of order was well taken; and the amendment was laid aside accordingly.

There being no objection,— Mr. Markey of Dartmouth and other members of he House then moved to amend the bill in section 3, in line 43, by inserting after the word “program.” the following sentence:

“Such checks shall include data provided by the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS); the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF); the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board (SORB); the state and national fingerprint databases; as well as all relevant state and national criminal history, child welfare and sex offender registries, databases and repositories.”.

The amendment was rejected.

There being no objection,— Representatives Markey and Garry of Dracut then moved to amend the bill in section 4, in line 62, by inserting after the word “women.” the following sentence:

“Failure by the executive office to provide such notice shall not be a basis for extending benefits beyond the time provided herein”.”

The amendment was rejected.

There being no objection,— Ms. Decker of Cambridge and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 4, in line 57, by striking out the following: “or (ii)” and inserting in place thereof the following: “(ii) under the age of 6; or (iii); and in line 121, by inserting after the word “violence” the following: “, families with a child under the age of 6”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 127 members voted in the affirmative and 25 in the negative.

Amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 7.

[See Yea and Nay No. 7 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were adopted.

There being no objection,— Mr. Consalvo of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 4 by striking out the following: “or (iii) at imminent risk of harm due to domestic violence” (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the following:

“(iii) at imminent risk of harm due to domestic violence; or (iv) documented as having a disability.”; and

In section 6 by inserting after the figure: “6” (inserted by amendment) the words “, families with a family member who has a documented disability.”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 152 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 8.

[See Yea and Nay No. 8 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were adopted.

There being no objection,— Representatives Finn of West Springfield and Fiola of Fall River then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following section:

“SECTION 5A. Section 19 of chapter 88 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘and (xvi) any efforts undertaken by the executive office for administration and finance to secure and maximize federal support and reimbursement for funds spent on the emergency housing assistance program’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- (xvi) any efforts undertaken by the executive office for administration and finance to secure and maximize federal support and reimbursement for funds spent on the emergency housing assistance program; and (xvii) the total weekly number of families who have exited the emergency housing assistance program by durational limit termination.”.

On the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 152 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative. Amendment adopted,— yea and nay No. 9.

[See Yea and Nay No. 9 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 8. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any funds expended for the purpose of providing services through or related to families and pregnant women served by the emergency housing assistance program pursuant to section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws shall be subject to a competitive bidding process.".

On the question on adoption of the, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 152 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative. Amendment adopted,— yea and nay No. 10.

[See Yea and Nay No. 10 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 126 members voted in the affirmative and 26 in the negative. Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 11.

[See Yea and Nay No. 11 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 58, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At five minutes after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, February 10, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Hudson High School football team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Hudson High School football team, who were the undefeated Division 6 state champions. They were the guests of Representatives Muradian of Grafton and Hogan of Stow.

Sutton Sammies girls soccer team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Sutton High School Sammies girls soccer team, who were the 4 time state champions. They were the guests of Representative McKenna of Sutton and Senator Fattman.

Statement of Representative Blais of Deerfield.

A statement of Representative Blais of Deerfield was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Ms. Blais of Deerfield.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting held on February 6 due to a family conflict. Had I been present for Yea and Nay Nos. 1 to 4, inclusive, I would have voted, in each instance, in the negative. Had I been present for Yea and Nay Nos. 5 to 11, inclusive, I would have voted, in each instance, in the affirmative. My missing of roll calls that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Annual and Monthly Reports.

Annual reports

PERAC,—tobacco divestment.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 23 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to divestment from companies that derive certain revenues from the sale of tobacco products;

PERAC,—Russia divestment.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 64 (f) of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) relative to divestment from Russian restricted securities;

PERAC,—Sudan divestment.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 4 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2007) relative to divestment from Sudan restricted securities; and

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 6 of Chapter 232 of the Acts of 2010) relative to the divestment from Iran restricted securities; and

PERAC,— Iran divestment.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for January, 2025;

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 13, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Margaret Rooney.

At the request of Representative Biele of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Margaret "Peg" "Hon" Rooney, of South Boston who passed away on January 9, 2025, surrounded by her family.

A daughter of Irish immigrants and child of the depression era, Mrs. Rooney was a dedicated public servant, working for decades in the State House's Information Technology Department while volunteering locally at the Catholic Charities Laboure Center, the Simon of Cyrene Society, Julie's Family Learning Center, St. Monica's Food Pantry and other community organizations.

Daughter of the late Michael Corliss and Delia (Waldron) Corliss, beloved wife of the late Frederick M. Rooney, Mrs. Rooney was the devoted mother to 11 boys and cherished grandmother of 30 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

Violence prevention services.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington to the special legislative commission established (under the provisions of Section 149 of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024) to study the Commonwealth's funding structure for violence prevention services.

Statement of Representative Haggerty of Woburn.

A statement of Representative Haggerty of Woburn was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Mr. Haggerty of Woburn.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting held on Thursday, February 6, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay No. 11.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

Extended producer responsibility commission.

That he had appointed Conor O'Shaughnessy, Budget Director and Environmental Policy Analyst for the House Minority Leader's office, to serve as his designee to the special legislative commission established (under Section 108 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) to recommend to the general court extended producer responsibility policies for the commonwealth;

Post-retirement employment task force.

That he had appointed former Representative F. Jay Barrows of Mansfield as his designee to the task force established (under the provisions of Section 198 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) to study post-retirement employment of public employees; and

Rest home governance task force.

That he had appointed former Representative Mathew J. Muratore of Plymouth to serve as his designee to the task force established (under the provisions of Section 27 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) to evaluate the governance and regulatory structure of rest homes in the commonwealth.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules:

Roberta Duprey.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Duffy of Holyoke) honoring the retirement and services of Roberta Duprey;

Michael Noble.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Chief Michael A. Noble, Esq. on the occasion of his retirement as police chief of the town of Maynard; and

Patricia Haddad.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Howitt of Seekonk) recognizing the legacy of Representative Patricia A. Haddad;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see Section 2WWW of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Commonwealth Corporation Workforce Competitiveness Fund for fiscal year 2024; Corporation workforce competitiveness.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2KKKKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Nonpublic Ambulance Service Reimbursement Trust Fund report for fiscal year 2024; MassHealth,— ambulance services.

From the Executive Office of the Trial Court (see Section 131Y of Chapter 140 of the General Laws) submitting the Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPO) report for calendar year 2024; and Extreme risk protection orders.

From the District Attorney of Worcester County (see Section 6 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on the Victim Witness Assistance program for calendar year 2024; Worcester,— victim witness assistance.

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Speaker Mariano then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Carol A. Doherty, a member of the House from Taunton from 2020 to 2025; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointment of the Speaker.

K-12 Statewide Graduation Council.

A communication was received from the Speaker announcing that he had appointed Representative Peisch of Wellesley as his designee to serve on the K-12 Statewide Graduation Council established (under Executive Order 639) to advise the Governor and the Legislature on the development of a statewide graduation requirement.

Guests of the House.

Troop 23 of North Attleborough.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of Troop 23 of Scouting America from North Attleborough. At the invitation of the Chair, the scouts participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The troop included three newly minted Eagle Scouts, Jack Simmons, Zach Haffner and Ryan Motto. They were the guests of Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough.

Resolutions.

Childhood deaths.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Arciero of Westford) recognizing March 2025 as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month, were referred under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Scanlon of North Attleborough, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

GATRA,— financial statements.

From the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting their annual financial statements for fiscal year 2024;

From the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting a single audit report for fiscal year 2024; GATRA,—single audit.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from January 1, 2025 to January 23, 2025; and Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the January 23, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; Emergency housing assistance.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for December, 2024, was placed on file. Net state tax reports.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, February 24, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules:

Prostate cancer awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Consalvo of Boston) commending the Admetech Foundation recognizing the sixteenth annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day on March 27, 2025; and

Ludlow,— anniversary.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Saunders of Belchertown) commending the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys and Girls Club on the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

House Rules,— special procedures.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C) an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the proposed House Rules governing the 2025-2026 legislative session (House, No. 2024) [for order, see House, No. 59]. The order was adopted.

Joint Rules,— special procedures.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C) an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the proposed Joint Rules governing the 2025-2026 legislative session (House, No. 2026) [for order, see House, No. 60]. The order was adopted.

House Rules.

An Order (filed this day by Mr. Galvin of Canton) relative to the adoption of permanent House Rules for the 194th General Court governing the 2025-2026 legislative session, was referred, under Rule 24, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order (House, No. 2024), was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, further consideration thereof was postponed, on motion of Mr. Galvin, until the next sitting and specially assigned to the hour of one o'clock P.M.

Joint Rules.

An Order (filed this day by Mr. Galvin of Canton) relative to the adoption of permanent Joint Rules for the 194th General Court governing the 2025-2026 legislative session, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order (House, No. 2026), was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, further consideration thereof was postponed, on motion of Mr. Galvin, until the next sitting and specially assigned to the hour of one o'clock P.M.

Communications.

Communications

Operational capacity.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 6A of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting its operational capacity report for July 1 to December 31, 2024;

GATRA,—Attleboro rail station.

From the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting the Attleboro Commuter Rail Station and Parking Lot Statement of Income and Calculation of MBTA Share of Income for fiscal year 2024;

Essex County,—objections.

From the District Attorney of Essex County (see Section 70C of Chapter 277 of the General Laws) submitting notification of objections to motions to decriminalize certain offenses;

Sheriffs,—grants.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see item 8910-7110 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Grants Awarded report for calendar year 2024; and

Sheriffs,—services and goods.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see item 8910-7110 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Services and Goods, Fees, Commissary and Trust Fund Balances, Revenues and Expenditures report for fiscal year 2024;

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Maureen Cobb Murphy.

During the session (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), at the request of Speaker Mariano of Quincy, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for Maureen Cobb Murphy, mother of Representative James Murphy of Weymouth. Maureen passed away this morning at home surrounded by her loving family. Please keep Representative Murphy's mother in your thoughts and prayers.

Remarks of Speaker Mariano of Quincy.

During the Session, the Speaker took the Chair and addressed the House, as follows:—

Representative Carol A. Doherty.

For decades, before her career as State Representative, Carol selflessly dedicated her life to children, first as a teacher, then as a guidance counselor, and later as a school committee member.

Carol then served in the House of Representatives from 2020 until 2025. She was kind, passionate, and a fierce advocate for the residents of Taunton and Easton on Beacon Hill. She served them honorably until her passing.

We are incredibly grateful for her service to the Commonwealth, and for the opportunity to work alongside her.

So, on behalf of the entire House, I would like to offer my deepest condolences to Carol's family, friends, constituents, and staff as we all mourn her loss.

May she rest in peace.

Recess.

Recess.

At one minute after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at ten minutes after two o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Paper from the Senate.

Supplemental appropriations.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and

projects (House, No. 58), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 17. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. The amendment (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) was considered.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, in concurrence, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 61.

On the question on adoption of the further amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Jones of North Reading; and on the roll call 128 members voted in the affirmative and 23 in the negative.

Further amendment adopted,— yea and nay No. 12.

[See Yea and Nay No. 12 in Supplement.]

Therefore the further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Orders of the Day.

The House Order relative to the adoption of permanent Joint Rules for the 194th General Court governing the 2025-2026 legislative sessions (House, No. 2026), was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day, and considered forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Michael Moran of Boston.

Joint Rules.

After remarks the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House moved to amend it in proposed Joint Rule 1, in line 50, by inserting after the word "procedure" the words "; provided, however, that no matter referred to a joint standing committee shall be reported to either branch until such time as the joint standing committee has adopted these rules of procedure".

The amendment was rejected.

The same members then moved to amend the order in proposed Joint Rule 12A, in line 620, by inserting after the word "Constitution" the words "; provided, however, that all such matters taken up under the provisions of this rule shall be subject to a roll call vote".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Jones; and on the roll call 23 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 13.

[See Yea and Nay No. 13 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed Joint Rule 12A by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:

"Members shall be provided with a minimum of two weeks notice before the formal business matters delineated in this rule are scheduled to be taken up for consideration and a vote.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 23 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 14.

[See Yea and Nay No. 14 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones and other members of the House then moved to amend the order by inserting after proposed Rule 35 the following proposed rule:

"Rule 35A. A copy of any and all audits of the general court conducted by the state auditor under authority provided by section 11 of chapter 12 of the General Laws shall be published on the general court website in a conspicuous place within 72 hours of receipt from the state auditor.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Muradian of Grafton; and on the roll call 23 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative. Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 15.

[See Yea and Nay No. 15 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order by adding the following proposed rule:

"Rule 37. Any time either branch of the general court has a conflicting opinion with a constitutional officer relative to the constitutionality of legislation that presents an important question of law and constitutes a solemn occasion, that branch of the general court shall request an opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth; and on the roll call 23 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative. Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 16.

[See Yea and Nay No. 16 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed Joint Rule 1D, in line 241, by inserting after the word "vote" the following:

", and said poll shall remain open for at least 2 hours or until such time as all committee members of the branch calling the vote have voted".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Smola of Warren; and on the roll call 23 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative. Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 17.

[See Yea and Nay No. 17 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed Joint Rule 1D by adding the following sentence:

"If the committee uses an electronic poll, the committee must notify all committee members of the branch calling the vote at least 12 hours in advance that they should expect a poll to be released.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Smola of Warren; and on the roll call 23 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative. Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 18.

[See Yea and Nay No. 18 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

On the question of adoption of the order, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michael Moran of Boston; and on the roll call 128 members voted in the affirmative and 23 in the negative. Order adopted,— yea and nay No. 19.

[See Yea and Nay No. 19 in Supplement.]

Therefore the order (House, No. 2026) was adopted.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

The House Order relative to the adoption of permanent rules of the House of Representatives for the 194th General Court governing the 2025-2026 legislative sessions (House, No. 2024), was considered.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the order, there being no objection,— Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House moved to amend it by inserting after proposed Rule 28A the following new rule:

"28B. The committee on Ways and Means shall report every bill it receives to the House with either a recommendation for approval or disapproval. The committee shall have 60 days to report a bill or resolution, or no less than 30 days before the end of the legislative session; provided, however, that the committee on Ways and Means shall have 90 days to report on the General Appropriations Act. If the committee fails to follow this rule, the bill or resolution may be petitioned out of committee by the original sponsor, and taken up in the House.".

The amendment was rejected.

There being no objection,— The same members then moved to amend the order in proposed Rule 1, in line 5, by inserting after the word "business." the following two sentences:

"If the House has not begun proceedings within 30 minutes of the hour to which the House stands adjourned, the Speaker shall forthwith, and without debate, adjourn or recess the House to a time not earlier than ten o'clock A.M. on the next succeeding calendar day. For the purposes of this rule, proceedings shall mean voting and debate.".

The amendment was rejected.

There being no objection,—Mr. Jones and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed Rule 49, in line 1240, by striking out the word "not"; and the amendment was adopted.

There being no objection,—Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed Rule 1A, in line 7, by striking out the words "midnight unless by unanimous consent" and inserting in place thereof the following: "9 o'clock P.M. unless by a two-thirds vote of the members present. At the hour of 9 o'clock P.M. if the House is in session, the Speaker shall interrupt the business then pending and shall, without debate, place before the House the question on suspension of this rule which shall be decided by a two-thirds majority vote of members present and voting by a recorded yea and nay vote. If the vote is in the affirmative, said vote shall permit the House to remain in session until the hour of midnight; provided that the session shall not continue beyond the hour of midnight, unless by unanimous consent of the members present.".

The amendment was rejected.

There being no objection,— The same members then moved to amend the order in proposed Rule 33A, in line 1025, by striking out the words "the day" and inserting in place thereof the words "two days"; and in line 1034, by striking out the words "on the day" and inserting in place thereof, the words "the day after".

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 20.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Jones; and on the roll call 23 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 20 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

There being no objection,— Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order by striking out proposed Rule 85A and inserting in place thereof the following proposed rule:

"Rule 85A. Audits of the house shall be conducted by the state auditor under authority granted by section 11 of chapter 12 of the General Laws.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Frost of Auburn; and on the roll call 24 members voted in the affirmative and 127 in the negative. Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 21.

[See Yea and Nay No. 21 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Lombardo of Billerica then moved to amend the order by adding the following proposed rule:

"Proposed Rule 102. The House of Representatives shall follow Chapter 11, section 12 of the Massachusetts General Laws. This rule shall not be suspended.".

Mr. Cahill of Lynn thereupon raised a point of order that the amendment offered by the gentleman from Billerica was improperly before the House for the reason that the subject matter has already been raised and voted upon.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) ruled that the point of order was well taken, and the amendment was laid aside accordingly.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed Rule 17A by adding the following:

"(i) A list of matters and copies of all bills that are to be voted on at an executive session shall be made available to the members of each committee electronically no less 2 hours prior to their consideration. If the committee uses an electronic poll, the poll must stay open for at least 2 hours or until such time as all committee members have voted.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 23 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative. Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 22.

[See Yea and Nay No. 22 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed Rule 17A by adding the following:

"(i) A list of matters and copies of all bills that are to be voted on at an executive session shall be made available to the members of each committee electronically. If the committee uses an electronic poll, the committee must notify all committee members at least 12 hours in advance that they should expect a poll to be released.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Ms. Ferguson of Holden; and on the roll call 23 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative. Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 23.

[See Yea and Nay No. 23 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed Rule 33E, in line 1059, by striking out the following: "30 minutes" and inserting in place thereof the following: "1 hour"; and the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Galvin of Canton then moved to amend the order in proposed Rule 9A, in line 160, by striking out the word "Said" and inserting in place thereof the words "The committee";

In proposed Rule 17A, in line 462, by striking out the word "chair" and inserting in place thereof the word "chairperson"; and in lines 466 and 467, by striking out the words "The chair of all House standing and special committees" and inserting in place thereof the words "The chairperson of a House standing or special committee";

In proposed Rule 87, in line 1743, by striking out the following: "and (iv) each" and inserting in place thereof the following: "(iv) each"; and in line 1744, by striking out the following: "and (vii)" and inserting in place thereof the following: "and (v)";

In proposed Rule 90, in line 1876, by striking out the word "Rules" and inserting in place thereof the words "Human Resources and Employee Engagement";

In proposed Rule 95, in line 2091, by striking out the following: "and/or" and inserting in place thereof the word "or"; and

In proposed Rule 97, in line 2202, by striking out the word "the", the second time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the following: "Counsel and the EEO Officer"; and in line 2210, by inserting after the word "and" the word "the."

The amendments were adopted.

Order adopted,— yea and nay No. 24.

On the question on adoption of the order, as amended, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Galvin of Canton; and on the roll call 128 members voted in the affirmative and 23 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 24 in Supplement.]

Therefore the order (House, No. 2025, published as amended) was adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

Joint Rules.

An Order proposed Joint Rules for the Senate and House of Representatives for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session (Senate, No. 18), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michael Moran of Boston, the order was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, in concurrence, the same member moved to amend it by striking out the text contained therein and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 2026.

The order (Senate, No. 18, amended) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eighteen minutes after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Notice of Change of Address.

Representative Sweezey of Duxbury.

Notice was received that Kenneth P. Sweezey of Duxbury, formerly of Pembroke, had changed his residential address to the town of Duxbury.

Sent to the Senate for its information.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules:

Leona Dugas Barrett.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McKenna of Webster) commemorating the one hundredth birthday of Leona Dugas Barrett of Webster; and

Bleeding disorders month.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McKenna of Webster) commending the New England Hemophilia Association on its recognition of March 2025 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Recesses.

Recesses.

At one minute after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M; and at thirteen minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, subject to the call of the Chair; and at two minutes after two o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Emergency Measure.

Supplemental appropriations.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and

projects (see House, No. 58, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and by a vote of 43 to 24, the House refused to adopt the emergency preamble. Mr. O'Day of West Boylston asked that the vote be reconsidered; and the motion to reconsider was entertained forthwith; and it prevailed.

There being no objection, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble, a separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 62 to 23. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was put upon its final passage.

Bill enacted,—yea and nay No. 25.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair); and on the roll call 127 members voted in the affirmative and 23 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 25 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-six minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointment of Majority Leaders.

Majority Leaders and Speaker *pro-tempore.*

Under the provisions of Rule 18, the Speaker announced (on February 27, 2025) that the Majority Party Caucus had ratified the following appointments: Representative Michael J. Moran of Boston, Majority Leader; Representative Hogan of Stow, Speaker *pro-tempore,* Representative Peisch of Wellesley, Assistant Majority Leader; Representative Moran of Lawrence, Second Assistant Majority Leader; and Representative Donato of Medford, Second Assistant Majority Leader.

Appointment of Assistant Minority Leaders.

Assistant minority leaders and ranking Ways and Means member.

Notice was received that the Republican Caucus held on January 27, 2025, had ratified the appointments by the Minority Leader of Representatives Ferguson of Holden to the position of Assistant Minority Leader, Frost of Auburn to the position of Second Assistant Minority Leader, Muradian of Grafton and Vieira of Falmouth to the positions of Third Assistant Minority Leader and Smola of Warren as the ranking minority party member on the committee on Ways and Means.

House Standing Committees.

House standing committees.

House standing committees were appointed (by the Speaker on February 27, 2025, and by the Minority Leader on January 27, 2025 and February 19, 2025) as follows:—

Rules. — Representatives Galvin of Canton, Consalvo of Boston, Michael J. Moran of Boston, Hogan of Stow, Peisch of Wellesley, Moran of Lawrence, Ferrante of Gloucester, Fiola of Fall River, Cusack of Braintree, Donato of Medford, González of Springfield, Gregoire of Marlborough, Wong of Saugus, Frost of Auburn, and Muradian of Grafton.

Ways and Means. — Representatives Michlewitz of Boston, Ferrante of Gloucester, Diggs of Barnstable, Arriaga of Chicopee, Biele of Boston, Cruz of Salem, Duffy of Holyoke, Elliott of Lowell, Garcia of Chelsea, Hamilton of Methuen, Hawkins of Attleboro, Higgins of Leominster, Holmes of Boston, Howard of Lowell, Kassner of Hamilton, Kearney of Scituate, Kerans of Danvers, Kilcoyne of Clinton,

Mendes of Brockton, Montaño of Boston, John Francis Moran of Boston, Owens of Watertown, Ramos of Springfield, Sabadosa of Northampton, Scarsdale of Pepperell, Silvia of Fall River, Sousa of Framingham, Tyler of Boston, Smola of Warren, McKenna of Webster, Pease of Westfield, Chaisson of Foxborough, Marsi of Dudley, Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, Vaughn of Wrentham, and Xiarhos of Barnstable.

Bills in the Third Reading. — Representatives Walsh of Peabody, Ashe of Longmeadow, and Ferguson of Holden.

Floor Division Committees. — First Division Chairperson, Representative Gregoire of Marlborough; Second Division Chairperson, Representative Roy of Franklin; Third Division Chairperson, Representative González of Springfield; and Fourth Division Chairperson, Representative O'Day of West Boylston.

Ethics. — Representatives Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, Robertson of Tewksbury, Hogan of Stow, Peisch of Wellesley, Gordon of Bedford, Day of Stoneham, González of Springfield, Kane of Shrewsbury, Howitt of Seekonk, Vieira of Falmouth, and Orrall of Lakeville.

Human Resources and Employee Engagement. — Representatives Murray of Milford, Armini of Marblehead, Kilcoyne of Clinton, Philips of Sharon, Plouffe of Brockton, Mahoney of Worcester, Duffy of Holyoke, Giannino of Revere, González of Springfield, Boldyga of Southwick, Lombardo of Billerica, Soter of Bellingham, and Sweezey of Pembroke.

Post Audit and Oversight. — Representatives Mahoney of Worcester, Scanlon of North Attleborough, Ouellette of Westport, Ramos of North Andover, O'Day of West Boylston, Roy of Franklin, Gregoire of Marlborough, Rogers of Norwood, Kerans of Danvers, Vaughn of Wrentham, and McKenna of Sutton.

Steering, Policy and Scheduling. — Representatives Honan of Boston, Hendricks of New Bedford, Gallagher of Bridgewater, Worrell of Boston, Saunders of Belchertown, DuBois of Brockton, Ashe of Longmeadow, LeBoeuf of Worcester, Reid of Lynn, Howitt of Seekonk, and Kane of Shrewsbury.

Climate Action and Sustainability. — Representatives Nguyen of Andover, Ciccolo of Lexington, Schwartz of Newton, Tarsky of Needham, Paulino of Methuen, Flanagan of Dennis, Sena of Acton, Davis of Great Barrington, Sylvia of Fairhaven, Gaskey of Carver, and Thurber of Somerset.

Federal Funding, Policy and Accountability. — Representatives LaNatra of Kingston, Donaghue of Westborough, Moakley of Falmouth, Davis of Great Barrington, Sylvia of Fairhaven, Badger of Plymouth, Uyterhoeven of Somerville, Turco of Winthrop, Scanlon of North Attleborough, Smola of Warren, and Pease of Westfield.

Operations, Facilities and Security. — Representatives Barrett of North Adams, Holmes of Boston, Hogan of Stow, Peisch of Wellesley, Fluker-Reid of Boston, Gregoire of Marlborough, O'Day of West Boylston, Roy of Franklin, González of Springfield, Vaughn of Wrentham, and Gaskey of Carver.

Intergovernmental Affairs. — Representatives Puppolo of Springfield, Connolly of Cambridge, Gallagher of Bridgewater, DuBois of Brockton, Paulino of Methuen, Ouellette of Westport, Sena of Acton, Kearney of Scituate, Luddy of Orleans, Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, and Thurber of Somerset.

Joint Standing Committees.

A notice was received from the Senate relative to the appointments of Senators to joint standing committees; and House membership of joint standing committees were appointed (by the Speaker on February 27, 2025, and by the Minority Leader on February 19, 2025) as follows:—

Joint standing committees.

Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity. — Senators Moore, Payano, Barrett, Finegold, Mark, and Durant; Representatives Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, Hawkins of Attleboro, Ouellette of Westport, Flanagan of Dennis, Moakley of Falmouth, Ramos of Springfield, Owens of Watertown, Vitolo of Brookline, Meschino of Hull, Lombardo of Billerica, and Gaskey of Carver.

Agriculture. — Senators Fernandes, Comerford, Robyn Kennedy, Lovely, Oliveira, and Fattman; Representatives Blais of Deerfield, Saunders of Belchertown, Gómez of Easthampton, Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Flanagan of Dennis, Ouellette of Westport, Sena of Acton, Zlotnik of Gardner, Luddy of Orleans, Boldyga of Southwick, and Ferguson of Holden.

Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. — Senators Edward Kennedy, Mark, Driscoll, Moore, Oliveira, Velis, and Fattman; Representatives Finn of West Springfield, Rogers of Norwood, Uyterhoeven of Somerville, Luddy of Orleans, Paulino of Methuen, Shand of Newburyport, Saunders of Belchertown, Donato of Medford, Connolly of Cambridge, Schwartz of Newton, Orrall of Lakeville, Pease of Westfield, and McKenna of Sutton.

Cannabis Policy. — Senators Gomez, Fernandes, Eldridge, Jehlen, Keenan, and Durant; Representatives Donahue of Worcester, Duffy of Holyoke, Shand of Newburyport, Fluker-Reid of Boston, Plouffe of Brockton, MacGregor of Boston, Cruz of Salem, Giannino of Revere, Schwartz of Newton, Berthiaume of Spencer, and Soter of Bellingham.

Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. — Senators Robyn Kennedy, Miranda, Edwards, Eldridge, Rausch, and O'Connor; Representatives Livingstone of Boston, Garcia of Chelsea, Saunders of Belchertown, Donaghue of Westborough, O'Day of West Boylston, DuBois of Brockton, Sena of Acton, LeBoeuf of Worcester, Moakley of Falmouth, Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, and Marsi of Dudley.

Community Development and Small Businesses. — Senators Gomez, Brady, Collins, Keenan, Lovely, and Dooner; Representatives Vargas of Haverhill, Zlotnik of Gardner, Hong of Lowell, Ashe of Longmeadow, Donaghue of Westborough, Howard of Lowell, Kearney of Scituate, Hendricks of New Bedford, Rogers of Norwood, Thurber of Somerset, and Chaisson of Foxborough.

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. — Senators Payano, Driscoll, Cronin, Edwards, Oliveira, and Dooner; Representatives Chan of Quincy, Keefe of Worcester, Sangiolo of Newton, Reyes of Lawrence, O'Day of West Boylston, Vitolo of Brookline, LeBoeuf of Worcester, Hawkins of Attleboro, Meschino of Hull, McKenna of Sutton, and Berthiaume of Spencer.

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. — Senators Finegold, Collins, Cronin, Feeney, Mark, Miranda, and Durant; Representatives Fiola of Fall River, Giannino of Revere, Kushmerek of Fitchburg, Hendricks of New Bedford, MacGregor of Boston, Elliott of Lowell, Cruz of Salem, Scanlon of North Attleborough, Schwartz of Newton, Zlotnik of Gardner, Soter of Bellingham, Vaughn of Wrentham, and Sweezey of Duxbury.

Education. — Senators Lewis, Jehlen, DiDomenico, Robyn Kennedy, Payano, and O'Connor; Representatives Gordon of Bedford, Ayers of Quincy, Worrell of Boston, Sousa of Framingham, Garcia of Chelsea, Cruz of Salem, Kushmerek of Fitchburg, Plouffe of Brockton, Cataldo of Concord, Marsi of Dudley, and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington.

Elder Affairs. — Senators Jehlen, Velis, Friedman, Lovely, Rush, and Durant; Representatives Stanley of Waltham, Montaño of Boston, Whipps of Athol, Ciccolo of Lexington, O'Day of West Boylston, Uyterhoeven of Somerville, Biele of Boston, Scarsdale of Pepperell, Gentile of Sudbury, Boldyga of Southwick, and DeCoste of Norwell.

Election Laws. — Senators Keenan, Oliveira, Creem, Eldridge, Rausch, and Fattman; Representatives Hunt of Boston, Mendes of Brockton, Robertson of Tewksbury, Hamilton of Methuen, Sousa of Framingham, Hong of Lowell, Meschino of Hull, Markey of Dartmouth, Davis of Great Barrington, Frost of Auburn, and Lombardo of Billerica.

Emergency Preparedness and Management. — Senators Cronin, Lovely, Brady, Driscoll, Gomez, and Fattman; Representatives Ultrino of Malden, Reyes of Lawrence, Scanlon of North Attleborough, Turco of Winthrop, Ouellette of Westport, Flanagan of Dennis, Badger of Plymouth, Biele of Boston, Schwartz of Newton, Xiarhos of Barnstable, and Vieira of Falmouth.

Environment and Natural Resources. — Senators Rausch, Fernandes, Edward Kennedy, Moore, Rush, and Tarr; Representatives Barber of Somerville, Cataldo of Concord, Shand of Newburyport, Scarsdale of Pepperell, Kassner of Hamilton, Armini of Marblehead, Zlotnik of Gardner, Sylvia of Fairhaven, Hong of Lowell, Sweezey of Duxbury, and Gaskey of Carver.

Financial Services. — Senators Feeney, Moore, Driscoll, Gomez, Oliveira, and Tarr; Representatives Murphy of Weymouth, Biele of Boston, Worrell of Boston, MacGregor of Boston, Hamilton of Methuen, Nguyen of North Andover, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, Kerans of Danvers, Cataldo of Concord, Howitt of Seekonk, and Chaisson of Foxborough.

Health Care Financing. — Senators Friedman, Cronin, Cyr, Driscoll, Feeney, Payano, and Dooner; Representatives Lawn of Watertown, Kilcoyne of Clinton,

Shand of Newburyport, John Francis Moran of Boston, Vitolo of Brookline, Garcia of Chelsea, Diggs of Barnstable, Sabadosa of Northampton, Tyler of Boston, Markey of Dartmouth, Kane of Shrewsbury, Muradian of Grafton and Frost of Auburn.

Higher Education. — Senators Comerford, Edward Kennedy, Mark, Moore, Payano, and Dooner; Representatives Rogers of Cambridge, Gentile of Sudbury, Whipps of Athol, Arriaga of Chicopee, Howard of Lowell, Hong of Lowell, Badger of Plymouth, Meschino of Hull, Wells of Milton, Soter of Bellingham, and Pease of Westfield.

Housing. — Senators Cyr, Edwards, Brownsberger, Feeney, Finegold, and O'Connor; Representatives Haggerty of Woburn, Ramos of North Andover, Whipps of Athol, Consalvo of Boston, Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Diggs of Barnstable, LeBoeuf of Worcester, Markey of Dartmouth, Badger of Plymouth, DeCoste of Norwell, and Berthiaume of Spencer.

The Judiciary. — Senators Edwards, Eldridge, Jehlen, Miranda, Velis, and O'Connor; Representatives Day of Stoneham, Fluker-Reid of Boston, Ramos of North Andover, Mendes of Brockton, Cataldo of Concord, Kilcoyne of Clinton, Higgins of Leominster, Garry of Dracut, Moakley of Falmouth, Berthiaume of Spencer, and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington.

Labor and Workforce Development. — Senators Oliveira, Lewis, DiDomenico, Feeney, Jehlen, and O'Connor; Representatives McMurtry of Dedham, Vitolo of Brookline, Ramos of North Andover, Sylvia of Fairhaven, Hamilton of Methuen, Ayers of Quincy, Donato of Medford, Consalvo of Boston, Gallagher of Bridgewater, Sweezey of Duxbury, and Wong of Saugus.

Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. — Senators Velis, Robyn Kennedy, Collins, Creem, Cyr, Keenan, and Dooner; Representatives Domb of Amherst, DuBois of Brockton, Whipps of Athol, Reid of Lynn, John Francis Moran of Boston, Donaghue of Westborough, Garry of Dracut, Keefe of Worcester, Markey of Dartmouth, Holmes of Boston, Xiarhos of Barnstable, Muradian of Grafton, and Howitt of Seekonk.

Municipalities and Regional Government. — Senators Rausch, Keenan, Edward J. Kennedy, Moore, Rush, and Durant; Representatives Lewis of Framingham, Sabadosa of Northampton, Gómez of Easthampton, Montaño of Boston, Kassner of Hamilton, Connolly of Cambridge, Gentile of Sudbury, Tarsky of Needham, Wells of Milton, Chaisson of Foxborough, and Orrall of Lakeville.

Public Health. — Senators Driscoll, Cyr, Keenan, Robyn Kennedy, Lewis, and Dooner; Representatives Decker of Cambridge, Kerans of Danvers, Sousa of Framingham, Montaño of Boston, Arriaga of Chicopee, Ayers of Quincy, Ciccolo of Lexington, Reid of Lynn, Sangiolo of Newton, Kane of Shrewsbury, and Thurber of Somerset.

Public Safety and Homeland Security. — Senators Cronin, Driscoll, Eldridge, Fernandes, Moore, Velis, and Durant; Representatives Cahill of Lynn, Worrell of Boston, Wells of Milton, Elliott of Lowell, Plouffe of Brockton, Silvia of Fall River,

Linsky of Natick, Gómez of Easthampton, Sangiolo of Newton, Ciccolo of Lexington, Vaughn of Wrentham, Xiarhos of Barnstable, and Sweezey of Duxbury.

Public Service. — Senators Brady, Montigny, Eldridge, Keenan, Oliveira, and Dooner; Representatives Ryan of Boston, Higgins of Leominster, John Francis Moran of Boston, Elliott of Lowell, Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Tarsky of Needham, Robertson of Tewksbury, Silvia of Fall River, Garry of Dracut, DeCoste of Norwell, and Smola of Warren.

Racial Equity, Civil Rights, and Inclusion. — Senators Miranda, Gomez, Comerford, Cyr, Robyn K. Kennedy, and Tarr; Representatives Williams of Springfield, Ramos of Springfield, Mendes of Brockton, Uyterhoeven of Somerville, Howard of Lowell, Diggs of Barnstable, Keefe of Worcester, Holmes of Boston, Sangiolo of Newton, Wong of Saugus, and DeCoste of Norwell.

Revenue. — Senators Eldridge, Jehlen, Brady, Keenan, Rausch, and Fattman; Representatives Madaro of Boston, Linsky of Natick, Paulino of Lawrence, Kassner of Hamilton, Philips of Sharon, Plouffe of Brockton, Donato of Medford, Gómez of Easthampton, Wells of Milton, Lombardo of Billerica, and Boldyga of Southwick.

State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. — Senators Collins, Eldridge, DiDomenico, Rausch, Velis, and Durant; Representatives Cabral of New Bedford, Tyler of Boston, Reyes of Lawrence, Armini of Marblehead, Gallagher of Bridgewater, Davis of Great Barrington, Gentile of Sudbury, Donato of Medford, Garry of Dracut, Kane of Shrewsbury, and Chaisson of Foxborough.

Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. — Senators Barrett, Brady, Cronin, Cyr, Fernandes, and Tarr; Representatives Cusack of Braintree, Kushmerek of Fitchburg, MacGregor of Boston, Turco of Winthrop, Robertson of Tewksbury, Tyler of Boston, Higgins of Leominster, Scarsdale of Pepperell, Reid of Lynn, Jones of North Reading, and Ferguson of Holden.

Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development. — Senators Mark, Gomez, Barrett, Edward Kennedy, Rausch, and Tarr; Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Owens of Watertown, Ashe of Longmeadow, Moakley of Falmouth, Luddy of Orleans, Connolly of Cambridge, Keefe of Worcester, Linsky of Natick, Ayers of Quincy, Wong of Saugus, and Vieira of Falmouth.

Transportation. — Senators Crighton, Mark, Brownsberger, Edwards, Fernandes, Lewis, and O'Connor; Representatives Arciero of Westford, Philips of Sharon, Hendricks of New Bedford, O'Day of West Boylston, Armini of Marblehead, Ramos of Springfield, Owens of Watertown, Sabadosa of Northampton, Hawkins of Attleboro, Linsky of Natick, DeCoste of Norwell, Orrall of Lakeville, and Marsi of Dudley.

Veterans and Federal Affairs. — Senators Velis, Rush, Brady, Collins, Montigny, and Fattman; Representatives McGonagle of Everett, Turco of Winthrop, Reyes of Lawrence, Arriaga of Chicopee, Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Silvia of Fall River, Duffy of Holyoke, Tarsky of Needham, Kearney of Scituate, Thurber of Somerset, and Gaskey of Carver.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Auditor of the Commonwealth (see Section 17(8) of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) submitting the Bureau of Special Investigations report for fiscal year 2024; Bureau of Special Investigations.

From the District Attorney of Essex County (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its Juvenile Justice Unit annual report for calendar year 2024; Essex,— juvenile justice.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the status of federal funds applied for, received and expended for the second quarter of fiscal year 2025; Comptroller,— federal grants.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-2040 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2025; and Comptroller,— deficiency report.

From the University of Massachusetts (see item 7100-0200 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025; University of Massachusetts.

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 3, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Sophie Main and Sharon Main.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess and introduced, Sophie Main and Sharon Main of Essex, England, cousins of Kevin Treanor of Cambridge. They were the guests of Ms. Decker of Cambridge.

Resolutions.

Aidan Walsh.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Walsh of Peabody) congratulating Aidan Walsh on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Norfolk,—juvenile justice unit.

From the District Attorney of Norfolk County (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its community based Juvenile Justice Unit annual report for calendar year 2024;

Plymouth,—technological fund.

From the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of the report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Voter registration.

From the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (see item 0521-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report on voter registration activity for the calendar years 2022-2024; and

Settlements and judgements.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Settlements and Judgements for the second quarter of fiscal year 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly Report.

Disabled persons.

A quarterly report of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (under item 1107-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its fiscal year 2025 quarterly report for the period of October-December, 2024, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions (deposited with the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were presented and they were severally referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

Felons,— voting rights.

By Representative Uyterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 63) of Erika Uyterhoeven and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to voting rights of certain persons incarcerated in correctional facilities due to felony convictions. To the committee on Election Laws.

Health care,— rights.

By Representative Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 64) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to establish a right to health care. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Housing,— rights.

By Representative Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 65) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the right to housing. To the committee on Housing.

Public office.

By Representative Donaghue of Westborough, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 66) of Kate Donaghue for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the oaths and affirmations of public office;

Eminent domain.

By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 67) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to prohibiting eminent domain takings;

Judges,— retirement.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 68) of Paul McMurtry for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to changing the mandatory age of retirement for judges; and

Lieutenant-Governor,— succession.

By Representative Whipps of Athol, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 69) of Susannah M. Whipps and Francisco E. Paulino for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to a succession plan for a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant-Governor;

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Employable skills training.

By Representative Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 70) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to a Constitutional right to employable skills training. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Agricultural and horticultural lands.

By Representatives Blais of Deerfield and Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 71) of Natalie M. Blais, Hannah Kane and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agricultural and horticultural lands. To the committee on Revenue.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate prior to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025, which had been referred by the Senate this day, to joint committees, were presented; and the House severally concurred in the references, as follows:

Independent redistricting.

By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 6) of James B. Eldridge for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to establish an independent redistricting commission;

Voting rights.

By Ms. Miranda, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 7) of Liz Miranda for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to voting rights; and

Campaign finance reform.

By Mr. Mark, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 8) of Paul W. Mark for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to campaign finance reform;

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Term renewal process.

By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 9) of Vincent Dixon, for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for term renewal process; and

Lieutenant-Governor,— succession.

By Mr. Mark, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 10) of Paul W. Mark for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to define the succession plan for a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor;

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Agricultural and horticultural lands.

By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 11) of Joanne M. Comerford for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agricultural and horticultural lands;

Income tax cap.

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by proposal, No. 12) of Bruce E. Tarr for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to cap the state income tax; and

Rainy day funds.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by proposal, No. 13) of Bruce E. Tarr for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds;

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 6, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointment of the Speaker.

Rare Disease Advisory Council.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 241 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) he had appointed Valarie Molyneaux of Boston to the Rare Disease Advisory Council.

Appointment of the Chair of Elder Affairs.

LGBT Aging Commission.

Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, announced that he had appointed (under the provisions of Section 71 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) Vice-Chair Montaño of Boston as Co-Chair of the LGBT Aging Commission, replacing Representative Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Mark Boyajian.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Linsky of Natick) congratulating Mark Boyajian on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Profound Autism Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Livingstone of Boston, Philips of Sharon and Scanlon of North Attleborough) honoring National Autism Center at May Institute's recognition of March 17, 2025 as the first annual Profound Autism Day in Massachusetts;

Sidney Moss.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) recognizing Sidney Zachary Moss and his tremendous lifelong service on his one hundredth birthday; and

Ramadan.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Worrell of Boston) commemorating the observance of Ramadan;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 13L of Chapter 118E the General Laws) submitting the 340B/High-Cost Drugs Impact report; High-Cost drugs impact.

From the Office of the State Auditor (see item 0710-0225 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Medicaid Audit Unit annual report for the period of March 2, 2024-February 28, 2025; Medicaid audit unit.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1068 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the revised fiscal year 2025 transfer schedule to the Medical Assistance Trust Fund; Medical assistance trust fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-2051 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, as amended by Section 54 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) providing a status report update regarding immediate Covid-19 recovery needs for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024; and Covid-19 recovery.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 81 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the fourth quarterly report for calendar year 2024 relative to ensuring the coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund monies received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, comply with applicable federal law, including statutes, regulations, and sub-regulatory guidance; American rescue plan.

Severally were placed on file.

Paper from the Senate.

The Senate Order relative to the adoption of permanent Joint Rules for the 194th General Court governing the 2025-2026 legislative sessions (Senate, No. 18, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out the text contained therein and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House, No. 2026, amended). Joint Rules.

The order bore the further endorsement that the Senate had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Creem, Lovely and Fattman had been appointed as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the order was considered forthwith. Committee of conference.

On motion of Mr. Michael J. Moran of Boston, the House insisted on its amendment; and concurred with the Senate in the appointment of a committee of conference. Representatives Michael J. Moran of Boston, Galvin of Canton and Muradian of Grafton were appointed as the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be noted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 10, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

James Richardson.

During the session (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), at the request of Representative Blais of Deerfield, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of James Richardson, who served as an elected Assessor in the town of Shelburne from 1983 to 2022, and as an elected Tree Warden from 1999 until his passing on March 4, 2025.

The faithful husband of his late wife Nancy Churchill for 48 years, James devoted his life to his love of the land, his love for his family, and for the community where he was born, raised, and dedicated his entire life to. He is widely remembered for his knowledge as an Assessor, Horticulturist and Arborist, and as a dedicated town official in Shelburne. Always willing to help someone who needed support, or just to lend a hand, James was someone who would never say "No" to a neighbor or a friend. In doing so, James touched the lives of more people, families and, friends than we will ever know.

James is survived by his two daughters: Alyssa Collins and Amber Quinn; his son Jacob Richardson; nine grandchildren, one brother, two sisters, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

Statement of Representative Nguyen of Andover.

A statement of Representative Nguyen of Andover was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Ms. Nguyen of Andover.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber during the sittings of February 25 and 26, 2025 due to a previously scheduled work trip. If I had been present, I would have voted yea on roll call numbers 12, 19, 24, and 25; and I would have voted nay on roll call numbers 13-18, inclusive, and 20-23, inclusive. My missing of roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Resolutions.

Partners for Youth with Disabilities.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Partners for Youth with Disabilities on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The following order (filed by Speaker Mariano of Quincy) was referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Ordered, That the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the General Court from the Third Bristol District shall designate Tuesday, June 10, 2025, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Capital Resource Company.

A report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-sixth annual report (Senate, No. 28), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Brookline,—rodenticides.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 26) of Cynthia Stone Creem, William F. MacGregor and Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Brookline to prohibit or restrict the application of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Somerville,—rent.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 22) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Mike Connolly, Erika Uyterhoeven and Christine P. Barber (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Somerville to regulate rent in residential dwelling units. To the committee on Housing.

Seekonk,—charter.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 20) of Kelly A. Dooner (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Seekonk;

Nantucket,—commission.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 21) of Julian Cyr and Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) for legislation to change the name and membership of the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission;

Swampscott,—commission.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 23) of Brendan P. Crighton (by a vote of the town) to enable the appointment of alternates to the Swampscott Conservation Commission;

Sandwich,—charter.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 24) of Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Sandwich; and

Id.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 25) of Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Sandwich;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,—Antonio Pires.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 27) of Liz Miranda (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to direct the city of Boston

Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officer for Antonio Pires. To the committee on Public Service.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointment of the Speaker.

Youth sports.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 305 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed José Massó, Chief of Human Services for the city of Boston, to the Special Working Group on Youth Sports.

Guests of the House.

Síghle FitzGerald and Peter Burke.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced from the Republic of Ireland: Consulate General, Síghle FitzGerald, and Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, Peter Burke. They were the guests of Representative Lawn of Watertown.

Hamilton-Wenham girls cross country team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Hamilton-Wenham Generals' girls cross country team, who won the 2024 MIAA Division 3 state championship. Following a perfect season, the Generals went on to win the Division 3B championship and ultimately won the Division 3 All-State championship race at Devens, claiming the title with 89 points. They were the guests of Representatives Kerans of Danvers and Kassner of Hamilton.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

South Boston Citizens' Association.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Biele of Boston) commending the South Boston Citizens' Association on its recognition of the two hundred and forty-ninth anniversary of Evacuation Day on March 17, 2025;

Ronit Barkai.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Decker of Cambridge) recognizing Ronit Barkai on the occasion of her retirement after twenty-two years with Transition House; and

Timothy Harhen.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and Plouffe of Brockton) congratulating Fire Chief Timothy M. Harhen on the occasion of his retirement from the East Bridgewater Fire Department;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2RRRR of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Municipal Naloxone Bulk Purchase Trust Fund Annual Report for fiscal year 2024; Municipal naloxone fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the monthly Working Training for Emergency Assistance Residents report for February, 2025; Working training.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0500 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its comparative analysis of the rate differential for inpatient psychiatric and substance use hospital per diem payments achieved by Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and Community Partners; Psychiatric and hospital per diem payments.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 7002-1091 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Career Technical Initiative annual report for fiscal year 2024; Career technical initiative.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 2 of Chapter 214 of the Acts of 2024) providing a report on an expenditure in funds from the Commonwealth Federal Matching and Debt Reduction Fund; Matching and debt reduction fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the February 6, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; Emergency housing assistance.

From the Hampden County Sheriff's Office (see item 8910-1010 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Regional Evaluation and Stabilization Unit report for fiscal year 2024; Hampden,— evaluation and stabilization.

From the Office for Refugees and Immigrants (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report for January, 2025; and Resettlement agency.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 1599-2026 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the Massachusetts Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Program Legislative Report for the period of March-December, 2023; Nurses fellowship program.

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

A report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under Section 7 of Chapter 118 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its data from the District Attorneys relative to violations of uploading or disseminating illegal visual material to the internet, was placed on file. Illegal visual material.

Petitions.

Petitions (deposited with the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were transmitted to the State Secretary under Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as follows:

Plymouth,—land bank.

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Michelle L. Badger (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a Plymouth land bank in the town of Plymouth.

Credit unions.

By Representative Cahill of Lynn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Daniel Cahill relative to the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation.

Port authority,—governance.

By Representative Madaro of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Adrian C. Madaro relative to modernizing the governance of port authority parks in the East Boston section of the city of Boston.

Climate bank.

By Representative Meschino of Hull, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Joan Meschino and others for legislation to create a climate bank to facilitate innovative financing solutions for climate and clean energy innovations in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Flood management.

By Representative Sangiolo of Newton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Amy Mah Sangiolo and others for legislation to establish the Massachusetts Flood Management and Mitigation Authority to coordinate flood management and mitigation efforts.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Lexington,—liquor licenses.

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3893) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises; and

Cohasset,—liquor licenses.

By Representative Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3894) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) that the town of Cohasset be authorized to issue five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Lynn,—vocational pilot.

By Representative Reid of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3895) of Sean Reid and Daniel Cahill (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Lynn to establish a pilot program at Lynn Vocational Technical Institute for certain eighth grade students. To the committee on Education.

Berlin,—recall elections.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3896) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and Robyn K. Kennedy (by vote of the town) relative to recall elections in the town of Berlin. To the committee on Election Laws.

Quincy,—land.

By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3897) of Bruce J. Ayers (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Quincy be authorized to enter into a lease extension to Quarry Hills Associates, Limited Partnership;

Natick,—town charter.

By Representative Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3898) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Natick; and

Norfolk,—billing.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham and Senator Rausch, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3899) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) relative to reserved capacity billing in the town of Norfolk;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Kingston,—special police.

By Representative LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3900) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and John R. Gaskey (by vote of the town) that the town of Kingston be authorized to raise the maximum retirement age of special police officers in said town to 70 years old;

Natick,—civil service.

By Representative Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3901) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) that the town of Natick be authorized to exempt the position of assistant fire chief from certain provisions of the civil service law; and

Stoughton,—civil service.

By Representative Philips of Sharon, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3902) of Edward R. Philips, William C. Galvin and William J. Driscoll, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of Stoughton be authorized to exempt police officers from the civil service law;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Nantucket,—real estate transfer fee.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3903) of Thomas W. Moakley and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to impose a real estate transfer fee for affordable and workforce housing and related capital improvements; and

Boston,—tax exemption.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3904) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of mayor and city council) relative to a senior homeowner property tax exemption in the city of Boston;

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Salem,—speed limits.

By Representative Cruz of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3905) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to employ automated enforcement of speed limit violations in designated school zones. To the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Boston,—taxes.

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to taxes in the city of Boston.

Richard Curley,—sick leave.

By Representative Sena of Acton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danillo A. Sena for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Richard Curley, an employee of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

Holmes Park Water District.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2505) of Peter J. Durant and Kimberly N. Ferguson (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the dissolution of the Holmes Park Water District, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Representative Vieira then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Thomas S. Cahir, a member of the House from Bourne from 1985 to 1998; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 17, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

National Coalition for LGBTQ Health.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Hogan of Stow and other members of the House) congratulating the National Coalition for LGBTQ Health on the observance of LGBTQ+ Health Awareness Week, March 17-21, 2025, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Hogan of Stow, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Tax revenue collections.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 1A and 1B of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the actual revenue tax and non-tax collections for the second quarter of fiscal year 2025;

Enhanced outpatient treatment.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 5046-0000 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Department of Mental Health's Enhanced Outpatient Treatment Pilot for fiscal year 2024;

Shared services.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 7001-0101 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Shared Services report for fiscal year 2024; and

Expedited psychiatric admissions.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 6 of Chapter 177 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Department of Mental Health's Expedited Psychiatric Inpatient Admission (EPIA) 2023 annual report;

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for January, 2025, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Somerset,—liquor license.

By Representative Thurber of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3906) of Justin Thurber and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) that the town of Somerset be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Salem,—election commissioners.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3907) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to establish a board of election commissioners in the city of Salem; and

Monterey,—recall procedure.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3908) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a recall procedure for elective town offices in the town of Monterey;

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Provincetown,—occupancy restriction.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3909) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to year-round housing occupancy restriction in the town of Provincetown; and

Somerville,—right to purchase.

By Representative Uyterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3910) of Erika Uyterhoeven and Patricia D. Jehlen (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a program to provide certain tenants and entities the right to purchase the residential property in which the tenants reside when that residential property is being offered for sale;

Severally to the committee on Housing.

Millis,—charter.

By Representatives Arena-DeRosa of Holliston and Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3911) of James C. Arena-DeRosa and Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Millis;

Marblehead,—board of health.

By Representative Armini of Marblehead and Senator Crighton, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3912) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and Brendan P. Crighton (by vote of the town) that the town of Marblehead be authorized to increase the membership of the board of health in said town from three members to five; and

Seekonk,—charter.

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3913) of Steven S. Howitt (by vote of the town) that the town of Seekonk be authorized to its charter;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Leo MacAskill,—retirement benefits.

By Representatives Giannino of Revere and Turco of Winthrop, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3915) of Jessica Ann Giannino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to retirement benefits for Leo MacAskill, a retired police officer of the police department of the city of Revere; and

Westfield,—police officers.

By Representative Pease of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3916) of Kelly W. Pease (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Westfield be authorized to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer in said city;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Swampscott,—land assessment.

By Representative Armini of Marblehead and Senator Crighton, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3917) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and Brendan P.

Crighton (by vote of the town) relative to the assessment of certain lands in the town of Swampscott. To the committee on Revenue.

Reports of Committees.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 55, reported, in part, a Bill relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency (House, No. 62). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second and (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Donald Landers, Sr.

During the session (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Gregoire of Marlborough and Gentile of Sudbury, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of longtime Marlborough City Councilor Donald Landers, Sr., who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 83.

Mr. Landers dedicated over 30 years to Marlborough Public Schools as assistant superintendent, business department chairman, and director of adult education. He also founded Marlborough Youth Baseball and the Akiruno (Japan) Cultural Exchange Program, leaving a lasting mark on the city's youth.

For 18 years, he served as Ward 7 city councilor, known for his tireless advocacy, warm demeanor, and role as 'Marlborough's ambassador.' He took pride in welcoming new city employees and was a strong supporter of the city's workforce. His leadership extended to the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce, where he once served as chairman.

Mr. Landers will be deeply missed. His legacy of service and dedication to Marlborough will not be forgotten. He is survived by his beloved wife, Betsy, his sons, Donald Jr. and Michael, and a grateful community.

Guests of the House.

Burlington,—Girl Scout Troop 77133.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, Girl Scout Brownie Troop 77133 from Burlington. At the invitation of the Chair, the troop participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representative Gordon of Bedford.

Longmeadow High School girls tennis team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Longmeadow High School girls tennis team, who won the Division 2 State Championship. The team had an outstanding record of 23 to 0, the only time a division 2 team has gone undefeated. They were the guests of Representative Ashe of Longmeadow.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Chan of Quincy and other members of the House) reaffirm friendship between Massachusetts and Taiwan, support increased United States-Taiwan bilateral trade, signing an avoidance of double taxation agreement, and Taiwan's international participation; and — Taiwan.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Walsh of Boston) congratulating Owen Michael Addesa on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; — Owen Addesa.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Statutory Basis Financial Report for fiscal year 2024; — Statutory basis.

From the Department of Children and Families (see item 4000-0051 contained in Section 28 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the program evaluation report of the Massachusetts Family Resource Center Network for calendar year 2023; and — Family Resource Center Network.

From the Department of Transportation (see Section 87 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Massachusetts Zero-Emission School Bus Transition Report; — Zero-emission school bus transition.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

A quarterly report of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its first quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024; and — Bureau of Special Investigations.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections; — Rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3918) of Christine P. Barber (with the approval of the mayor and city council) — Somerville,— voting rights.

that the city of Somerville be authorized to provide voting rights in municipal elections for certain residents aged 16 and 17 years old; and

Leverett,— voting rights.

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3919) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Leverett be authorized to provide for local voting rights for certain lawful permanent residents residing in said town;

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Tyngsborough,— water.

By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3920) of Colleen M. Garry (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide sustainable water resources in the town of Tyngsborough. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Somerville,— affordable housing trust.

By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3921) of Christine P. Barber (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville; and

Somerville,— broker fees.

By Representative Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3922) of Mike Connolly and others relative to broker fees in the city of Somerville;

Severally to the committee on Housing.

Somerville,— municipal reviews.

By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3923) of Christine P. Barber (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) that the city of Somerville be authorized to impose municipal reviews on institutional master plans of certain institutional facilities. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Cambridge,— dependents.

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3924) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) relative to expanding the definition of dependent for the purposes of municipal employee benefits in the city of Cambridge;

Boston,— Pierre Darius.

By Representative Fluker-Reid of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3925) of Brandy Fluker-Reid (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Pierre Charles Darius as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,— Keny Gateau.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3926) of Brandy Fluker-Reid (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Keny Gateau a police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,— Jean Roseney.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3927) of Brandy Fluker-Reid (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Jean E. Roseney a police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,— Adam Watt.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3928) of Brandy Fluker-Reid (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Adam Watt a police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Worcester,— police officers.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3929) of James J. O'Day and Michael O. Moore (with the approval of the city council) relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer for the city of Worcester;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Somerville,— real estate

By Representatives Connolly of Cambridge and Uyterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3930) of Mike Connolly and Erika

Uyterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a real estate transfer fee on certain real estate transactions in said city; and

transfer fee.

By Representatives Moakley of Falmouth and Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3931) of Thomas W. Moakley and David T. Vieira (by vote of the town) that the town of Falmouth be authorized to establish a real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of residential property in said town for the purpose of funding affordable housing;

Falmouth,— real estate transfer fee.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3932) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the procurement and award of contracts for construction of a certain subsidized affordable housing project, including space for a branch library to be procured by the Boston Public Library, in the city of Boston. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Boston,— contracts.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James C. Arena-DeRosa and Kathleen R. LaNatra relative to the transportation of farm goods.

Farm goods,— transportation.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Manny Cruz that the South Essex Sewerage District shall pay to the city of Salem an annual payment in lieu of taxes for all lands.

Salem— sewerage district.

By Representative Doherty of Taunton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carol A. Doherty for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Carlos Borges,— sick leave.

By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul K. Frost and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Stephen Brophy, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

Stephen Brophy,— sick leave.

By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mark Kratman, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Mark Kratman,— sick leave.

By Representative Haggerty of Woburn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard M. Haggerty for legislation to include bone marrow and organ donation in the paid family and medical leave program.

Bone marrow and organ donation.

By Representative Livingstone of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jay D. Livingstone and others relative to ivory and rhinoceros horn trafficking.

Horns,— trafficking.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr relative to funding housing and mitigating investor real estate in seasonal communities.

Seasonal communities.

By Representative Montaño of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Samantha Montaño and others relative to underperforming schools.

School supports.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to safety in schools.

Schools,— safety.

By Representative Sangiolo of Newton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Amy Mah Sangiolo relative to historic districts and commissions.

Historic districts.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcus S. Vaughn and David T. Vieira for legislation to further regulate pipefitting exemptions.

Pipefitting exemptions.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency (House, No. 62) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2506. COVID-19 measures.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Danillo A. Sena relative to establishing a sick leave bank for Richard Curley, an employee of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office. To the committee on Public Service. Richard Curley,— sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to property tax classification, the senior homeowner property tax exemption, and the personal property tax exemption in the city of Boston. To the committee on Revenue. Boston,— property tax exemption.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 275) of Tram T. Nguyen and Vanna Howard relative to child care cost transparency,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education. Child care,— cost transparency.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3154) of Hannah Kane and others for legislation to establish a tax credit for and to regulate the donation of food to persons in need,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Food,— donations.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency (see House, No. 62, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. COVID-19 measures.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Representative Sousa then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of John H. Stasik, a member of the House from Framingham from 1997 to 2000, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at one minute after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 24, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Margie Clausson Burgess.

During the session (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Margie Clausson Burgess, a dedicated, lifelong long member of our Plymouth community, who passed away on March 14th, at 86 years old.

Margie's life was marked by service through her extensive volunteer work. Active in the Plymouth community, she served on the Plymouth School Committee for 23 years and was a member of Town Meeting, Energy Committee, Capital Outlay Committee, and Distinguished Visitors Committee.

Margie opened her heart and home to countless young people, hosting students on international exchanges. She also volunteered with the Spire Center and was active with the Plymouth Rotary Club and the League of Women Voters.

Margie was the beloved mother of Andrea Nedley and her husband, Scott of Plymouth, Margaret Fisher, and her late husband, Richard of Virginia. She is the cherished grandmother of Christie Wilbur of Virginia.

Her legacy of kindness, service, and dedication to Plymouth will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Appointments of the Speaker and Minority Leader.

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

Mirco mobility vehicles.

That (under the provisions of Section 306 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Arciero of Westford to the Micro-Mobility Vehicles special commission;

Status of persons with disabilities.

That (under the provisions of Section 74 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) he had appointed Representatives Livingstone of Boston and Sabadosa of Northampton to the Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities; and

Delinquent property taxes.

That (under the provisions of Section 213 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Philips of Sharon to the Delinquent Property Tax Revenue Collection special commission.

The House Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

That (under the provisions of Section 213 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Marsi of Dudley to the Delinquent Property Tax Revenue Collection special commission; and

Delinquent property taxes.

That (under the provisions of Section 36 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable to the Public Health Effects of Xylazine special commission.

Xylazine.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Weston High School girls swim and dive team, who won their third overall and second consecutive MIAA Division 2 state championship. They were accompanied by their head coach, Jim McLaughlin. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Weston High School girls swim and dive team.

Petitions.

The following petitions (having been returned by the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws with letters relative thereto) were referred, under Rule 24, as follows:

By Representative Cahill of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3933) of Daniel Cahill relative to the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation. To the committee on Financial Services.

Credit union share insurance corporation.

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3934) of Michelle L. Badger (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a Plymouth land bank in the town of Plymouth. To the committee on Housing.

Plymouth—land bank.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Gentile of Sudbury presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Liz Miranda and Samantha Montaño for legislation to establish LGBTQIA+ parent advisory councils in public schools; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

LGBTQIA+ advisory council.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Barbara Kellogg relative to the distribution of certain gaming revenue.

Revenue,—gaming.

By Representative Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan relative to travel insurance.

Travel insurance.

By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to credit card surcharges.

Credit cards,—surcharges.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the penalties for protests intentionally blocking or preventing access to a public roadway or highway.

Roadways,—protests.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to funding for public safety and education for certain Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority communities. MBTA communities,— public safety.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center host community impact fees. Marijuana,— impact fees.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to providing municipal notices to the public of hazardous waste sites. Hazardous waste sites.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to prohibiting sex offenders from entering public or private school property for any reason. Schools,— sex offenders.

By Representative Gaskey of Carver, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John R. Gaskey and Christopher Thibeault relative to the legal gambling age. Gambling,— legal age.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John R. Gaskey and Christopher Ryan Thibeault relative to the age of majority. Age of majority.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John R. Gaskey relative to the purchasing of firearms. Firearms,— purchase.

By Representative Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to increase the allowable earnings for individuals pensioned or retired for disability. Allowable earnings.

By Representative MacGregor of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William F. MacGregor for legislation to regulate social media feeds. Social media,— regulation.

By Representative Ultrino of Malden, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven Ultrino relative to the treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip. Cleft palate and lip.

By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven George Xiarhos for legislation to authorize the solicitation of private donations for supporting certain first responders. First responders,— donations.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to safety in schools. To the committee on Education. School safety.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jay D. Livingstone and others relative to ivory and rhinoceros horn trafficking. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Horns,— trafficking.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 767) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others clarifying rate setting processes for home health and home care services; and Home health and home care services.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 779) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian relative to hospital access to discounted purchase of prescription drugs; Prescription drugs.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 764) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to flu prevention for seniors,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health. Seniors,— flu prevention.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Representative Shand of Newburyport then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Nicholas J. Costello, a member of the House from Amesbury from 1979 to 1983, inclusive, and a member of the Senate from 1983 to 1990, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Joseph LeBrun.

During the session, Representative Peisch of Wellesley took the Chair and, at her request, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Joseph Albert LeBrun, a remarkable husband, father, grandfather, businessman, and an integral member of the Wellesley community who passed away February 9th at the age of 83.

Born in 1941, Mr. LeBrun, provided a great service to the community through his friendship and generosity. In the 1970s, he purchased a small sandwich shop in Wellesley, which he ran with his family until his death. The Linden Store has been the hub of the community, attracting customers from all walks of life. Until shortly before his death, customers of The Linden Store would find Joe mixing with the "regulars." Mr. LeBrun's sons, Greg and Mark, followed him into the business and along with their mother continue to operate The Linden Store as Joe would have.

Mr. LeBrun is survived by his beloved wife, Bonnie L. (Chabot) LeBrun, son J. Gregory LeBrun and his wife, Kerin, of Natick, son Mark LeBrun of Wellesley, and grandchildren Bella, Ryan, Abby, Kaitlyn, Lindsey, and Max LeBrun. His passing has left a void in the Wellesley community that will not be easily filled.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Danvers Alarm List Company.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kerans of Danvers, Garballey of Arlington and Rogers of Cambridge) commemorating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution and honoring the Danvers Alarm List Company at the Battle of Menotomy;

Vietnam War veterans.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Lombardo of Billerica) commemorating March 29, 2025 as National Vietnam War Veterans day and the fiftieth anniversary concluding the Vietnam War; and

Literacy Project.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) recognizing the Literacy Project's fortieth anniversary;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the resolutions (reported by the

committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

The following petitions (having been returned by the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws with letters relative thereto) were referred, under Rule 24, as follows:

Flood management and mitigation.

By Representative Sangiolo of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3938) of Amy Mah Sangiolo and others for legislation to establish the Massachusetts Flood Management and Mitigation Authority to coordinate flood management and mitigation efforts. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Climate bank.

By Representative Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3937) of Joan Meschino and others for legislation to create a climate bank to facilitate innovative financing solutions for climate and clean energy innovations in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. To the committee on Financial Services.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Christopher Cachat,— employment.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Leigh Davis for legislation to authorize the Dalton Fire District to continue the employment of interim fire chief Christopher Francis Cachat.

Dracut Water Supply District.

By Representative Garry of Dracut and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to authorize the Dracut Water Supply District to sell water to certain communities.

Alcohol by volume.

By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to notification of alcohol by volume in beers to be consumed on the premises.

Id.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the listing of the alcohol by volume for beer selections on menus.

Blocking highways,— protesting.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to manslaughter caused by reckless disregard of life while protesting or blocking highways or roadway access.

Cannabis,— agreements.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to cannabis industry host community agreements.

Charter schools,— admissions.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish an opt-out admissions lottery process for charter schools.

Education parity.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish parity in funding for regional vocational school districts and traditional public school districts.

Cash transactions.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to require that all establishments be required to accept cash for transactions.

Schools,— tax deductions.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to income tax deductions for certain school expenses.

Kratom,— sales.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to regulate the sale of kratom.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry that the Department of Developmental Services consider neuropsychological evaluations of certain persons with intellectual disabilities. Neuro-psychological evaluations.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the rights of pharmacists to participate as preferred health care providers. Pharmacists.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the estimated rate of inflation for social service programs. Social services.

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Homar Gómez and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to charter school reimbursements. Charter schools,— reimbursements.

By Representative LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and Patrick M. O'Connor that the Massachusetts State Board of Retirement be authorized to credit Joseph Suppa with certain creditable service. Joseph Suppa,— retirement benefits.

By Representatives Luddy of Orleans and Moakley of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Hadley Luddy and Thomas W. Moakley relative to housing in seasonal communities. Seasonal communities,— housing.

By Representative MacGregor of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William F. MacGregor that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to release a certain sewer line easement in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston. Boston,— easement.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry relative to arts education programs. Arts education.

By Representatives Moran of Lawrence and Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Frank A. Moran, Adam J. Scanlon and others for legislation to establish a special task force (including members of the General Court) to review and report on vocational admissions policies. Vocational schools,— admission.

By Representative Moran of Lawrence, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Frank A. Moran for legislation to establish a commission to research topical steroid addiction and Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome. Topical steroids.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day for legislation to authorize a pilot program for the use of psychedelics in certain licensed treatment facilities. Psychedelics treatment.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Samantha Montaño relative to school library standards. School libraries.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon and Manny Cruz for legislation to further regulate the retail sale of dogs, cats, rabbits, and guinea pigs in pet shops. Pet shops,— regulation.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to authorize spouses to serve as caregivers in the MassHealth program for home-based care and services. Spousal caregivers.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon and Steven S. Howitt relative to utility services. Utility services.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Of the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 113) of Julian Cyr for legislation to require all private early education and care programs to publicly display Child care rates.

child care rates on their website,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 144) of Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to protect the interests of minor children featured on for-profit family vlogs,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development; Minor children,— interests.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Representative Arriaga of Chicopee then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Francis C. LaPointe, a member of the House from Chicopee from 1969 to 1978; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 31, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointments of the Speaker.

Xylazine.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 36 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Donaghue of Westborough to the Public Health Effects of Xylazine special commission.

Poet Laureate.

A communication was received from the Speaker announcing that he had appointed Representative Domb of Amherst as his designee to serve on the Poet Laureate of Massachusetts nominating committee established (Under Executive Order 640) to review, submit, and make recommendations on applications for the position of Poet Laureate to the Governor.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

Status of persons with disabilities.

That (under the provisions of Section 74 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) he had appointed Representative Marsi of Dudley to the Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, replacing former Representative Mathew Muratore of Plymouth;

Gaming policy.

That (under the provisions of Section 68 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) he had re-appointed Representative Vaughn of Wrentham to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee; and

Embodied carbon.

That (under the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed John Tzimorangas, President and CEO of Energy New England to serve as his designee to the Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Coordinating Council.

Appointment of the House Chair of the Massachusetts Asian-American Caucus.

Violence prevention funding.

Representative Chan of Quincy, the Chair of the Massachusetts Asian-American Caucus, announced that (under the provisions of Section 149 of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Nicholas You of Boston to the Special Commission on Violence Prevention Services Funding.

Guests of the House.

Pembroke High School boys track team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Pembroke High School boys indoor track and field team, who recently won the MIAA Division 4 State Championship, held at the Reggie Lewis Center. Amassing an impressive 74 points, the team was able to outpace their rivals and secure a victory for the town of Pembroke. They were the guests of Representatives LaNatra of Kingston and Sweezey of Pembroke.

Somerset Berkley teams.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Somerset Berkley Regional High School girls 2024 field hockey and the 2025 boys basketball state championship teams. They were the guests of Representative Thurber of Somerset.

Communications.

Communications

Local food action plan.

From the Massachusetts Food Policy Council (see Section 6C(e) of Chapter 20 of the General Laws) submitting its 2024 annual report related to the Massachusetts Local Food Action Plan;

Gaming and sports wagering revenue.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through December, 2024;

Id.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through January, 2025;

Public utilities self-generation.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 1G of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) submitting its self-generation report for calendar year 2023; and

Stabilization fund.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 2 of Chapter 214 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report on the balance of and the interest earned by the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund as of June 30 of the preceding fiscal year;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

Music therapists.

By Representative Donaghue of Westborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3939) of Kate Donaghue for legislation to establish a board of registration for music therapists; and

Unsolicited telephonic sales.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3940) of Paul McMurtry relative to unsolicited telephonic sales call to consumers using local phone numbers.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

School visits.

By Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3941) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida relative to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education visiting school districts; and

By Representative Tarsky of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3942) of Joshua Tarsky relative to safety and security in schools. Schools,— security.

Severally to the committee on Education.

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3943) of James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to voter registration and early voting. To the committee on Election Laws. Early voting.

By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3944) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to a three-year coastal resiliency emergency management plan. To the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management. Coastal resiliency.

By Representative Garcia of Chelsea, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3945) of Judith A. Garcia relative to urban agriculture in environmental justice communities. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Urban agriculture.

By Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3946) of Sean Garballey, Jessica Ann Giannino and others relative to health insurance coverage for hearing aids; and Hearing aids,— insurance.

By Representative Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3947) of John J. Lawn, Jr., relative to the examination of insurance company mergers. Insurance company mergers.

Severally to the committee on Financial Services.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3948) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to establish rights and career advancement for contingent faculty in public higher education. To the committee on Higher Education. Faculty,— career advancement.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3949) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Mark D. Sylvia relative to teacher strikes. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Teacher Strikes.

By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3950) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to parents in recovery from substance use disorder and child welfare. To the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. Parents,— recovery.

By Representative Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3951) of Mike Connolly relative to municipal fossil fuel free building construction and renovation demonstration projects; Fossil fuel free building.

By Representative Markey of Dartmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3952) of Christopher M. Markey that Dartmouth Fire District No. 1 be authorized to appoint the position of treasurer; and Dartmouth,— treasurer.

By Representative Sweezey of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3953) of Kenneth P. Sweezey (by vote of the town) for legislation to enhance enforcement in building and permitting compliance in the town Hanson. Hanson,— permitting.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3954) of James Arciero relative to xylitol labeling; Xylitol.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3955) of Manny Cruz relative to birth certificates; Birth certificates.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3956) of Leigh Davis for legislation to exempt Fairview Hospital from determination of need requirements; Fairview Hospital.

By Representative Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3957) of Michael J. Finn for legislation to establish a fund for the Western Massachusetts Hospital; Western Massachusetts Hospital fund.

By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3958) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to expanding pathogen testing capabilities for aquaculture; Aquaculture,— pathogen testing.

By Representative Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3959) of Sean Garballey relative to additives in food products; Food additives.

By Representative Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3960) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian relative to physicians providing testimony in an administrative or judicial hearing; and Physicians,— testimony.

By Representative Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3961) of Joan Meschino relative to education and prevention of sudden unexpected death in epilepsy and other related epilepsy mortalities. Epilepsy,— education.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3962) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr relative to inspections of buildings or structures occupied in whole or in part as a short-term rental. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Short-term rentals,— inspections.

By Representative Pease of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3963) of Kelly W. Pease (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the retirement of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield; and Westfield,— Greg Heath.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3964) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Jacob R. Oliveira that Edward E. Kivari Jr., be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Hampden county retirement board. Edward Kivari,— creditable service.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3965) of James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to tax abatements; Tax abatements.

By Representative Armini of Marblehead (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3966) of Jay Catelli for legislation to further regulate the property tax assessments and abatement processes; Property tax assessments and abatements.

By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3967) of Christopher Richard Flanagan for legislation to further regulate surcharges on real property; Property surcharges.

By Representative MacGregor of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3968) of William F. MacGregor relative to property tax exemptions for seniors and persons with disabilities; Property tax exemptions.

By Representatives Ramos of Springfield and Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3969) of Orlando Ramos relative to urban farmland taxation; and Urban farmland.

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge and Senator Brownsberger, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3970) of David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) that the town of Belmont be authorized to update the tax treatment of recreational lands in said town. Belmont,— recreational lands.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3971) of Dennis C. Gallagher for an investigation by a special legislative commission (including members of the General Court) to study the feasibility and efficacy of placing the registries of deeds for county governments under the oversight of the State Secretary. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Registries of deeds,— study.

Utility shutoffs.

By Representative Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3972) of Mindy Domb, Joanne M. Comerford and Natalie M. Blais relative to utility shutoff protections during periods of extreme heat;

Energy supply.

By Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3973) of Michael P. Kushmerek and John J. Cronin relative to collective procurement of energy supply;

Cellular coverage.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3974) of Hadley Luddy relative to cellular coverage; and

Double utility poles.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3975) of Paul McMurtry for legislation to establish a special commission to investigate double utility poles.

Severally to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

School transportation,— bidding.

By Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3976) of Michael P. Kushmerek relative to competitive bidding for school transportation. To the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Becket,— conservation commission.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3977) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) that the town of Becket be authorized to provide for alternate members of the conservation commission of said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Brian McPherson,— retirement.

By Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and Senator Brady, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3978) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Boston Retirement Board be authorized to retire Brian C. McPherson, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. To the committee on Public Service.

Melrose,— senior property tax exemption.

By Representative Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3979) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Melrose be authorized to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said city. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sharon,— sewer services.

By Representative Philips of Sharon, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Edward R. Philips and Michael F. Rush for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Cell phones,— location data.

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 197) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Rebecca L. Rausch, Michael O. Moore, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect reproductive health access, LGBTQ lives, religious liberty, and freedom of movement by banning the sale of cell phone location information,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2507) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to establish the Gloucester Fisheries Commission, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Gloucester,— fisheries commission.

Reports of Committees.

By Representative Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 774) of Michael P. Kushmerek relative to prescriptions; and Prescriptions.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 785) of Brian W. Murray relative to 340B contract pharmacies; Contract pharmacies.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Financial Services.

By Representative Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1352) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to establishing a prescription drug rebate program for seniors; and Seniors,— drug rebates.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1369) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to supportive housing and healthcare costs for low-income seniors; Low-income seniors.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Elder Affairs.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1359) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to the price of epinephrine; Epinephrine.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1364) of Carole A. Fiola relative to healthcare access and affordability for patients; and Healthcare.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1375) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to consider and evaluate the efficacy of policies that require hospitals and other health care providers to sell bundled packages of services that include fees for all relevant physicians; Physician fees.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Financial Services.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1367) of Sean Garballey relative to Title XIX federal financial participation for certain MassHealth covered services for individuals attending programs at Massachusetts state colleges and universities,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Higher Education. Students,— MassHealth coverage.

Of the petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, House, No. 64) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to establish a right to health care,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Right to health care.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1395) of James J. O'Day, Paul McMurtry and Michael D. Brady relative to authorizing the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Early Education and Care to establish an individual retirement account program for personal care attendants,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service. Personal care attendant retirement accounts.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 3, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Messages from the Governor.

Supplemental appropriations.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4003), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, April 2.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Hardwick,—special election.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation validating the results of the special election held in the town of Hardwick on January 18, 2025 (House, No. 4004), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, April 1.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

Cabo Verdean cultural center commission.

The Minority Leader announced that (under the provisions of Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 2024) he had appointed Representative Vieira of Falmouth to the special commission to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a statewide Massachusetts Cabo Verdean cultural center in the city of Boston.

Appointment of the House Chair of the committee on Revenue.

Tax Expenditure Review Commission.

Representative Madaro of Boston, the House chair of the committee on Revenue, announced that (under the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) he had appointed Bridgette Maynard, Research Director for said committee, as his designee to the Tax Expenditure Review Commission.

Guests of the House.

Lycèe Saint-Marc School.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, a group of students from Lycèe Saint-Marc School in Lyon, France. The group is visiting as part of a school exchange program with Boston College High School. They were the guests of Representative Decker of Cambridge.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Richard Harrity.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) recognizing Richard T. Harrity on his fifty years of service to the town of Hudson;

World IBS Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Kane of Shrewsbury and other members of the House) commending the IBS Patient Support Group on its recognition of April 19, 2025 as World IBS Day; and

Hypertension Awareness Month.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) commending Anticoagulation Forum, Inc. for its recognition of May 2025 as Hypertension Awareness Month;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

MBTA sales tax revenues.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 35T of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the certification of MBTA Base Sales Tax Revenues for fiscal year 2026;

PRIM Board.

From the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (see Section 23 of Chapter 32(2A)(e)(xi) of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly financial report as of December 31, 2024;

Acorn Innovation.

From the Massachusetts Technology Transfer Center (Mass Ventures) (see Section 45B of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting the Acorn Innovation Fund Report for fiscal year 2025; and

Restrictive Housing Oversight.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 93 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the inaugural Restrictive Housing Oversight Committee report;

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

Construction industry wage enforcement.

The annual report of the Office of the Attorney General (under item 0810-0045 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting on behalf of the specialized unit of the wage enforcement program established in said item a report on enforcement actions and violation trends in the construction industry, was placed on file.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

High impact fisheries.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3981) of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to establish a pilot program to support high impact fisheries. To the committee on Agriculture.

Cannabis infused beverages.

By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3982) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to recycling cannabis infused beverages. To the committee on Cannabis Policy.

Workforce training trust fund.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3983) of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to establish a workforce training trust fund for emerging technologies. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Watershed restoration.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3984) of Kip A. Diggs relative to watershed restoration; and

Mattress recycling.

By Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3985) of Andres X. Vargas and Mindy Domb relative to mattress recycling.

Severally to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Patient discharges.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3986) of Kip A. Diggs relative to patient discharges. To the committee on Financial Services.

MassHealth,— dental care.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3987) of Kip A. Diggs relative to dental care for MassHealth recipients. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Barnstable,— housing resources.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3988) of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to establish the Barnstable home center for housing resources; and

Seasonal housing.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3989) of Kip A. Diggs relative to seasonal community housing; and

Tenants and small property owners.

By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3990) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Russell E. Holmes relative to tenants and small property owners.

Severally to the committee on Housing.

Homesteads.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3991) of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to further regulate homesteads; and

Personal injury trials.

By Representative Mendes of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3992) of Rita A. Mendes relative to trials for personal injuries involving a motor vehicle accident.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Hiring practices.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3993) of Kip A. Diggs relative to hiring practices.

Worker insurance settlements.

By Representative Mendes of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3994) of Rita A. Mendes relative to worker related insurance settlements; and

Temperature stress.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3995) of James J. O'Day and Tara T. Hong relative to heat or cold stress.

Severally to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Solar zoning.

By Representative Badger of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3996) of Michelle L. Badger relative to zoning restrictions for solar systems; and

Suburban infrastructure fund.

By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3997) of Dennis C. Gallagher for legislation to establish the suburban infrastructure fund to help municipalities pay for improvements and upgrades to town-owned roads, bridges and sidewalks.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Native plant cultivation program.

By Representatives Diggs of Barnstable and Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3998) of Kip A. Diggs and James C. Arena-DeRosa that the Division of Highways be authorized to establish a program to promote the cultivation and maintenance of native flowering plants, grasses and shrubs on land bordering along state highways and other public lands; and

Stormwater program.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3999) of Kip A. Diggs that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to establish a program to mitigate roadway stormwater runoff and contribute to watershed restoration efforts.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Disabled veteran benefits.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4002) of Kip A. Diggs relative to benefits for disabled veterans and their families. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Long term care,— allowance.

A report of the committee on Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 482) of Mark C. Montigny, Patricia D. Jehlen, Christopher Richard Flanagan, Jacob R. Oliveira and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase the personal care allowance for long term care residents,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Pet shops.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon and Manny Cruz for legislation to further regulate the retail sale of dogs, cats, rabbits, and guinea pigs in pet shops. To the committee on Agriculture.

Home-based care.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to authorize spouses to serve as caregivers in the MassHealth program for home-based care and services. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Utility services.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon and Steven S. Howitt relative to utility services. To the committee Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1278) of James J. O'Day and others relative to wheelchair warranty protections,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Wheelchair warranties.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1358) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to health care research and decision-making centered on patients and persons with disabilities; Health care research.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1362) of Carole A. Fiola relative to defining certain invasive surgical procedures; Surgical procedures.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1374) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a state-wide drug repository program; Drug repository program.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1389) of Joseph D. McKenna for legislation to prohibit the use of state funds for Planned Parenthood Federation of America; and Planned Parenthood.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1400) of Edward R. Philips for legislation relative to maintenance of certification; Certification.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2600) of Carol A. Doherty, David T. Vieira and James K. Hawkins for legislation to establish the PFAS research and development public safety fund,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. PFAS fund.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2645) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to require sex offenders to submit a current color photograph to the sex offender registry,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sex offender registry.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at a half past eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at a half past eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 7, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at a half past eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Prayer.

Robert "Ziggy" Zygarowski.

During the session (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), at the request of Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of longtime Chicopee Councilor Robert "Ziggy" Zygarowski, who passed away on March 24th, 2025, at the age of 80.

Councilor Zygarowski was a highly respected community advocate. He was a Police Officer for 28 years for the City of Chicopee from 1974 to 2002, where he started the K-9 Unit and served as a canine officer from 1983 to 1990, he started and directed the D.A.R.E Program from 1990 to 2002, was a Past President of Local #401 I.B.P.O., and a member of the Chicopee Patrolmen's Association. He served his beloved community as a Councilor at Large from 2004 to present.

Mr. Zygarowski will be greatly missed. His passing is a great loss for Chicopee, and he will be deeply missed by the community. He leaves his four loving children, Ryan, Sean, Robert, Jr. and Gina of Chicopee, and their spouses; 7 cherished grandchildren, and many loved great grandchildren.

Communications.

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Home insurance.

From the Division of Insurance (see Section 4A of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting its annual Home Insurance report for calendar year 2023 [copies of said report were forwarded to the Attorney General, the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Financial Services, as required by said law];

Criminal justice data collection.

From the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (see item 1790-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its annual report on data collection and reporting in the criminal justice system for calendar year 2024; and

Childhood lead poisoning program.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-4506 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Department of Public Health's transfer schedule for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly Reports.

Quarterly reports

Of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under item 1790-3009 of Section 2 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its tenth quarterly report relative to the comprehensive modernization and transformation for the deployment of an online delivery system for unemployment insurance compensation benefits; and

Unemployment insurance compensation benefits.

Of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under item 1790-3009 of Section 2 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its eleventh quarterly report relative to the comprehensive modernization and transformation for the deployment of an online delivery system for unemployment insurance compensation benefits;

Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Markey of Dartmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4006) of Christopher M. Markey (by vote of the town) that the town of Dartmouth be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Dartmouth,— liquor license.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4007) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the composition of the licensing board for the city of Salem. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Salem,— licensing board.

By Representatives Ayers of Quincy and Wells of Milton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3914) of Bruce J. Ayers, Richard G. Wells, Jr. and William J. Driscoll, Jr. (with the approval of the town council) relative to the disability retirement of Casey L'Italien, a police officer in the city known as the town of Randolph. To the committee on Public Service.

Randolph,— Casey L'Italien.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4008) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to increase the local option tax on the sale of marijuana and marijuana products in said city. To the committee on Revenue.

Salem,— marijuana tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Thomas W. Moakley relative to tribal government representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

Martha's Vineyard Commission.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dana Johnson, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Dana Johnson,— sick leave.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Report of Committees.

Sharon,—sewer services.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Edward R. Philips and Michael F. Rush for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 55, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4005) [Total Appropriation: $1,244,700,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tributes.

Katherine "Kitty" Dukakis.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of longtime Brookline resident and former First Lady of Massachusetts Katherine "Kitty" Dukakis, who passed away on March 21st, 2025, at the age of 88.

Mrs. Dukakis' work included being a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, used her position on the council to make sure that the Holocaust is never forgotten through the creation of the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Dukakis was also a fierce advocate for children, refugees, and the homeless, serving as a member of the New England Center for Children Inc.'s Board of Advisors. Additionally, she was vocal about her struggles with substance use disorder and addiction, becoming a strong advocate for helping those experiencing mental health challenges.

Mrs. Dukakis' passing is a substantial loss for Brookline and the Commonwealth, and she will be deeply missed by the community, by her husband former Governor Michael Dukakis, her children John, Andrea, and Kara Dukakis, their spouses, and her 7 grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

Dominican Republic,—Jet Set club victims.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Moran of Lawrence, Paulino of Lawrence and Reyes of Lawrence, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for the victims of the tragic accident that took place at a concert at the Jet Set Club in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic on Monday, April 7.

This tragedy claimed the lives of more than 100 people and injured hundreds more. Six residents from the city of Lawrence lost their lives in this accident, with many more families being impacted by their loss.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice has been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Arriaga of Chicopee, Ferrante of Gloucester, and Marsi of Dudley have been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Woburn,—Battle Road Memorial.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ciccolo of Lexington) commemorating the dedication of the Woburn Battle Road Memorial as part of the Massachusetts Two Hundred and Fiftieth Celebration; and

Elks National Youth Week.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House) recognizing May 1-7 as Elks National Youth Week;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders of the Day.

Second reading bill.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4005) was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Recesses.

At two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at eight minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

The House thereupon took a further recess, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, subject to the call of the Chair; and at 10 minutes after two o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) Mr. Gaskey of Carver moved to amend it by adding the following section:

"SECTION 5. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following section: -

Section 1E. No public school shall allow a male student athlete to participate on a girls' sports team nor shall a public school allow a female athlete to participate on a boys sports team.

Any school found not in compliance shall forfeit all games where an athlete of the opposite sex participated. The Superior Court shall have available all remedies at law or in equity. A party who brings an action to enforce this section and prevails shall be entitled to his or her costs and attorney's fees.".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, Mr. Gordon of Bedford moved to amend it by adding the following paragraph:

"Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the provisions of this section shall not take effect until such time as: (i) the department of elementary and secondary education has analyzed the policy for student athletes and their families in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, a review of: any safeguards that

may alleviate safety concerns related to physical health, and the impacts on the education and extracurricular activities of elementary and secondary students at public schools in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, behavioral and physical health impacts related to this section, anticipated changes to the well-being of said students and the current practice of other states; (ii) the department has furnished a report of the analysis pursuant to clause (i); and (iii) legislation necessary to carry out any recommendations has been filed and enacted pursuant to Part 2, Chap. 1, Sec. 1, Art. II of the Constitution.".

After debate the further amendment was adopted.

The amendment offered by Mr. Gaskey, as amended, then also was adopted.

Consolidated amendment (education).

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2A, in item 1596-2517, by adding the following:

"; provided, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute Incorporated for costs associated with the education of students; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended as a grant to the Northeast Arc, Inc. for its Pathways to Opportunities program for education, mentorship, skill-building and job training of eligible high school students who are not immediately college bound; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended for the classroom expansion project at the United South End Settlements in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $875,000 shall be expended for a statewide college and career readiness program implemented by JFYNetWorks, a nonprofit corporation, to: (i) provide online instructional curricula to help students meet the Massachusetts state standards at each grade level and reduce learning loss and achievement gaps; and (ii) prepare students for required assessments and college placement tests in middle and high schools; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for 826 Boston, Inc. to administer writing enrichment, tutoring and college prep services for public school students; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for NeighborHealth Corporation for the development of a school-based health clinic within the Mario Umana Academy in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended to the town of Wayland for the purchase of a van needed to expand transition programming for special education students in the Wayland public schools; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to Junior Achievement of Greater Boston, Inc. to enhance middle school to career pathways, featuring the following programs: (a) interactive career exploration events designed to connect 1,200 8th graders with local businesses and industries to provide education pathways for career enhancement; (b) direct youth entrepreneurship by giving high school students the space, mentorship, materials and educational support necessary to launch and operate businesses in conjunction with coursework; (c) providing financial literacy courses, materials and educator training to students enrolled in financial literacy courses through designated district public schools; and (d) providing all levels of placement services and support for paid internships for program alumni; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for support of the Gloucester high school vocational school, including, but not limited to, the design, construction and implementation of a medical assisting program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for The Sports Museum to continue Boston vs. Bullies programming and preservation; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended by the department of elementary and secondary education for a grant program to school districts for implementation of community schools, including, but not limited to, the hiring of community school coordinators; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended as a grant to The May Institute, Inc. to support

accessibility and construction costs for its new school located in the town of Mansfield for the special education of public school students with autism and other developmental disabilities up to age 22; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to NEADS World Class Service Dogs to administer, expand and digitize the NEADS Red Vest Accessible program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Worcester public schools to supply elementary schools, that serve students in Main South and Columbus Park, with reading materials for English language learners that are relevant to and reflective of their experiences; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Leicester public schools to purchase equipment for its veterinary technician vocational program; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for full-time kindergarten tuition expenses for Braintree public schools; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to Special Olympics Massachusetts, Inc. for early motor skills development and inclusive pre-K and elementary education; provided further, that $500,000 shall be expended to METCO, Inc. to supplement costs of late bus transportation for the 33 METCO school districts; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Calmer Choice to enable continuation of the non-profit's 15-year evidence-based mental health programming to students in grades K-12 and educators in 11 public schools and 11 community organizations throughout Cape Cod and the south shore; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be allocated to Wondermore Inc. to support literacy initiatives in Boston public schools, with a focus on promoting diversity through author visits and book distribution; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be allocated to Boston public schools for the development of the Aviation Program at Madison Park technical vocational high school, an FAA-certified initiative designed to train students to become licensed, certified pilots; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Women's Money Matters, Inc. to provide support for financial wellness programs; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be provided to the city of Brockton and expended for the installation of a public safety crosswalk in front of New Heights charter school located on Main street in the city of Brockton for costs associated with design and installation; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Mattapan Technology Learning Center, Inc. for instructors and case managers to provide job training and career placement for technical industries; provided further, that $50,000 shall be expended for the St. Stephen's Youth Parent mentoring program at the Mattahunt elementary school to increase the parent mentoring cohort size to 10; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Brave Behind Bars, Inc. for the Tufts University Prison Initiative of Tisch College women's education program; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the E-Team training program to support vocational education and workforce training for adults; provided further, that not less than $75,000 be expended for the Haitian-Creole program at New England Culinary Arts Training; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the rehabilitation and conversion of the McKinley school in the city of Revere into an early childhood education center; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Blessed Stephen Bellesini, O.S.A. Academy, Inc. to support underserved students in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. to provide support to evidence-based early childhood education programs that promote language, literacy and social-emotional skill development for preschool children from under-served communities and the expanded scope of work that Jumpstart provides in the commonwealth to address the early education workforce shortage; provided further,

that not less than $2,700,000 shall be expended for Leo Inc. in the city of Lynn for capital costs to increase childcare capacity at its Broad street preschool; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for psychosocial educational programming at the Teen Torch Foundation; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be allocated to Amherst-Pelham regional school district for special education services; provided further, that not less than $850,000 shall be expended to Charles River Community Health, Inc. to develop physical space and support start-up costs necessary for a primary care medical residency program; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for computer device replacement in the North Reading public schools; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to the New Bedford Whaling Museum's welcome and exhibition center; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the town of West Springfield for educational materials, programs or services incurred by the town of West Springfield; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Framingham high school auditorium; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Chenery middle school in the town of Belmont for the Chenery park revitalization project to enhance educational opportunities for students; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Shelburne for playground improvements; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Charlemont for the Mohawk Trail regional and Hawlemont school districts' sustainability study; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for Julie's Family Learning Program, Inc. for a 1-time investment to replace antiquated infrastructure at its early education and care facility; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to People, Incorporated for expanded and affordable childcare access for infants, toddlers and preschoolers in the city of Fall River; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Greenfield public schools to support students in the city of Greenfield; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Laboure Center, Inc. to offset costs associated with placing English language learners through its nursing assistant and home health aide program; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Josiah Quincy School Association in the city of Boston; provided further, that $25,000 shall be expended for the South Boston Neighborhood House, Inc. to offset a 1-time deficit for its early education and care program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Upton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Northbridge to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Grafton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the Lynnfield high school auditorium in the town of Lynnfield to improve daily educational and after school uses of the auditorium; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Children's Room in the town of Arlington for student mental health support; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Westfield school district for costs associated with projects in the musical education of students; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for bathroom renovation and accessibility upgrades for the Belchertown public schools; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools for improvements to the Indian Orchard elementary school; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Ellis memorial early education center in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for necessary repairs to the

Newbury elementary school in the town of Newbury; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to expand the arts program by acquiring art supplies, theater essentials and pottery supplies to increase student engagement; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended to Kids In Tech, Inc. for the purposes of supporting after-school, hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and math education programs across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to obtain translation devices to support communication for multilingual learner students and their parents; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for improvements to pedestrian and busing access at Walpole high school; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to obtain and disperse, to all schools, multilingual dictionaries for multilingual learner students; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools for improvements at Dorman elementary school; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Lunenburg for educational materials, programs or services incurred by the town of Lunenburg; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Springfield public schools for improvements at Boland elementary school; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Springfield public schools to obtain headphones for ACCESS testing for multilingual learner students; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Bellingham to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Uxbridge to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Blackstone-Millville regional school district to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Arlington for technology upgrades in the Arlington public schools; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Methuen public schools to support special education services; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Springfield public schools for the replacement of the fire alarm system at Springfield high school of science and technology; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Peabody public school system to provide for the science from scientists program; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended toward academic and financial support services for students of the Urban College of Boston: A Two-Year College, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Marlborough public schools to offset unanticipated out of district special education placements and related transportation costs; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Franklin for the purchase of a special education passenger van to transport and support students for in-district programs in the Franklin public schools; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Watertown to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Waltham to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton to offset special education costs for fiscal year 2025; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to College Bound Dorchester, Inc. for the administration of alternative education and other services for at-risk youth; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Westford for technological equipment upgrades in classrooms for Crisafulli elementary school in Westford; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to Weymouth public schools for materials, tools, equipment, technology and

educational resources that support teaching, learning and educational development within the Weymouth public schools vocational and career technical education programs; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Melrose public schools for energy efficiency upgrades to Lincoln elementary, Melrose high school, and Melrose Veterans Memorial middle school; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of consolidating the following school districts: Northern Berkshire school union, North Adams school district, and Hoosac valley regional school district; the study will also take into consideration the consolidation of services"; and by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "13,765,000";

By inserting after item 1596-2517 the following item:

"1596-2519 For a reserve to support regional school transportation costs….....$15,000,000";

In item 1596-2511, in line 52, by inserting after the year: "2026" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $7,500,000 shall be expended for an early education and care educator loan forgiveness program established in section 19G of said chapter 15A; provided further, that not less than $8,000,000 shall be expended for grants to early education and care providers for costs associated with personal childcare"; and by striking out the figures: "40,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "55,500,000";

By inserting after item 1596-2516 the following item:

"1596-9805 For programs to encourage graduates of the commonwealth's public institutions of higher education to work as public school educators; provided, that not less than $1,237,500 shall be expended to fund the tomorrow's educators scholarship program established pursuant to section 19D of chapter 15A of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than $1,237,500 shall be expended for a student loan repayment assistance program for public school educators; provided further, that the student loan repayment assistance program shall be administered by the executive office of education and that funds for the program may be expended to enhance existing loan repayment assistance programs, if appropriate; provided further, that the student loan repayment assistance program shall provide assistance of not more than $7,500 per eligible individual; provided further, that said program shall prioritize the recruitment and retention of racially, culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse educators consistent with chapter 132 of the acts of 2019 to diversify the educator workforce; provided further, that to be eligible for loan repayment assistance under this item, an individual shall: (a) have completed a bachelor's degree program at a public institution of higher education as defined in section 5 of chapter 15A of the General Laws and including Quincy College, after January 1, 2020; (b) have outstanding educational debt that was incurred to pay tuition, fees or additional costs of attendance as calculated by the institution of higher education, including, but not limited to, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, child care and personal expenses, while enrolled in an undergraduate degree or post-baccalaureate program at the institution; and (c) commit to and work for 4 years in a school district, as defined in

section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, as a teacher, instructional or program paraprofessional, or in any other position that requires a license or other form of certification issued by the department of elementary and secondary education or other state agency; provided further, that the executive office of education shall promulgate regulations for the administration and enforcement of the student loan repayment assistance program which shall include repayment procedures if a participating individual fails to comply with the program requirements; provided further, that if the funds appropriated for the program are insufficient to cover costs of all eligible individuals, priority shall be given to educators working in school districts with higher shares of students who are designated as low income as defined in said section 2 of said chapter 70; provided further, that not less than 45 days prior to the obligation of funds for the loan repayment assistance program, the executive office of education shall submit a comprehensive program plan to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education; and provided further, that funds from this item may be expended on a public awareness campaign on the loan repayment assistance program……...$2,475,000";

By inserting after section 2A the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 2B. Chapter 15D of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 22. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

'Imagination Library of Massachusetts program', a comprehensive statewide initiative to encourage children from birth to 5 years of age to develop a love of reading and learning.

'Qualified local entity', an existing or new local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library affiliate that agrees to fund up to 50 per cent of the costs of the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program.

(b) Subject to appropriation, the department shall establish the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program to promote the development of a comprehensive statewide initiative to encourage preschool age children to develop a love of reading and learning. The department shall develop, implement and promote a comprehensive statewide initiative to encourage children from birth to 5 years of age to develop a love of reading and learning.

(c)(1) Subject to appropriation, the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program shall provide, through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, 1 age-appropriate book to each registered child from birth to age 5. Books shall be sent monthly to each child's home at no cost to families.

(2) Subject to appropriation, the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program shall contribute funds to qualified local entities participating in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

(d) The department shall administer the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program, including, but not limited to:

(i) promoting the statewide development of qualified local entities;

(ii) coordinating with qualified local entities to increase enrollment;

(iii) engaging with communities, qualified local entities and nonprofit leaders across the commonwealth;

(iv) implementing a statewide marketing and communications campaign, including, but not limited to, an ongoing public awareness campaign to:

(A) make donors aware of the opportunity to donate to the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program; and

(B) make the public aware of the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program and how to register eligible children; and

(v) coordinating the local match requirement for approved qualified local entities as well as the reimbursement of local program costs for books and mailing, as needed.

(e) The department shall, in coordination with the qualified local entity, ensure all personally identifiable information is handled in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

(f) Annually, not later than March 15, the department shall submit a report to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint committee on education, the executive office for administration and finance and the executive office of education on the activities of the program, including, but not limited to: (i) the total number of children enrolled, delineated by municipality; (ii) the number of books sent to enrolled children, delineated by municipality; (iii) the number of books returned as undeliverable, delineated by municipality; (iv) any activity from the Imagination Library of Massachusetts Fund, established in section 2KKKKKK of chapter 29, including, but not limited to, deposits and expenditures; (v) the number of qualified local entities across the commonwealth, their locations, local match amount contributed and other local partners, if any; and (vi) any other information the department deems relevant.

(g) The department may promulgate regulations, pursuant to chapter 30A, for the implementation of the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program.

SECTION 2C. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2JJJJJJ, inserted by section 7 of chapter 248 of the acts of 2024, the following section:-

Section 2KKKKKK. (a) There is hereby established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Imagination Library of Massachusetts Fund that shall be administered by the secretary of education.

(b) There shall be credited to the fund: (i) revenue from appropriations and other money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public and private sources such as gifts, grants and donations; and (iii) interest earned on money in the fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended without further appropriation. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund. The fund shall not be subject

(c) Funds shall be made available to provide age-appropriate books on a monthly basis, at home, to each child registered in the Imagination Library of Massachusetts program, established pursuant to section 22 of chapter 15D, from birth to their fifth birthday, inclusive, at no cost to families or guardians, in coordination with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.".

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 26.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F, and on the roll call (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair) 151 members voted in the affirmative and 4 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 26 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (education) were adopted.

Mr. McKenna of Sutton and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2, in item 1596-2426, by striking out the figures: "400,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "350,000,000"; and

By adding after item 1596-2426 the following item:

"1596-2428 For the construction and reconstruction of municipal ways as described in clause (b) of the second paragraph of section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws; provided, that a city or town shall comply with the procedures established by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; provided further, that a city or town may expend, without further appropriation, for these projects amounts not in excess of the amount provided to the city or town under this item upon preliminary notice of such amount, which shall be provided by the department to the city or town not later than March 1, 2026; provided further, that the commonwealth shall reimburse a city or town under this item, subject to the availability of funds as provided in section 9G of chapter 29 of the General Laws, within 30 days after receipt by the department of a request for reimbursement from the city or town, which request shall include certification by the city or town that actual expenses have been incurred on projects eligible for reimbursement under this item and that the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the city or town according to the specifications of the project and in compliance with applicable laws and procedures established by the department; and provided further, that not less than $50,000,000 shall be distributed using a formula based on each municipality's share of road mileage…….. $50,000,000".

Amendments rejected,— yea and nay No. 27.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 129 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 27 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Consolidated amendments (transportation).

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2A, in item 1596-2507, by adding the following:

"; provided, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for mitigation costs associated with development along route 93 in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Sudbury for the operation of the GoSudbury program to provide subsidized rideshare and taxi transportation; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for a design, feasibility and traffic study for a town square in the town of Paxton; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the city of Methuen to purchase and install solar-powered radar speed limit signs in high-risk areas throughout the city; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for sound mitigation at the South-Side Maintenance Facility in the Readville section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the town of Lexington to support increased transportation expenses due to 250th anniversary celebrations; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for culvert upgrades and other rural infrastructure improvements in the town of Bolton; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction of a bridge connecting Brandon road

in the town of Dudley to Hill street in the town of Webster; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the redesign, installation of new steps, added lights and installation of an emergency safety alert system for the bridge on Norfolk street in the city of Boston between the intersections of Corbet street and Willowwood street; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the preservation and repair of the Hartwell street bridge in the town of West Boylston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for road repair projects in the town of Granby; provided further, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall provide RIDE services to the town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to the city of Lawrence for the construction and rehabilitation of the Joseph W. Casey bridge, the Mario Lucchesi Memorial bridge, the Daisy street bridge and the Majowics bridge; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to supplement school district transportation services for the town of West Springfield; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for sidewalks, curbing, crossings, ramps and pedestrian accessibility improvements in the city of Framingham; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for maintenance vehicle upgrades in the city of Greenfield; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for pedestrian safety improvements in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Hamilton for a missing sidewalk project along Highland street; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for capital improvements and planning for transportation infrastructure projects in the city of Malden; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for Village Neighbors, Inc. for transportation services in rural communities; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended for the Ludlow council on aging for senior transportation costs and equipment; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for culvert replacements in the town of Berkley; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Brookline for bicycle share stations, bicycles and installation costs; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Revere Beach Partnership, Inc. for transportation mitigation costs associated with the 2025 International Sand Sculpting Festival in the city of Revere; provided further, that not less than $25,000,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for a downtown parking garage to help facilitate patient access to the planned development of a new medical facility; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Fitchburg for road surface and pedestrian way repair projects for route 12; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for drainage improvements along Pauline street in the city of Winthrop; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Belmont for sidewalk pedestrian safety improvements; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham for school transportation costs pursuant to section 7A of chapter 71 of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to the town of Winchester for drainage improvements; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Marlborough to continue operation of the local commuter shuttle connecting residents from area commuter rail stations to Marlborough employers and downtown Marlborough businesses; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Bedford for the installation of a crosswalk in the Crosby drive area; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Wakefield police department for a vehicular traffic and speed monitoring subscription service; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for the Chandler street renovation

project; and provided further, that not less than $600,000 shall be expended to the town of Wellesley for a traffic study and redesign of the Weston road corridor in the town of Wellesley, including the Linden street and Central street bottleneck and the route 9 interchange: and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Wakefield for roadway improvements"; and by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "28,930,000".

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 28.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F, and on the roll call 134 members voted in the affirmative and 20 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 28 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (transportation) were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 140 members voted in the affirmative and 14 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 29 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4010, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Mr. Kearney of Scituate then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Philip W. Johnston, a member of the House from Marshfield from 1975 to 1983; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at eight minutes after six o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointment of the Speaker.

Rare Disease Advisory Council.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 241 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) he had re-appointed Gail Ryan of PharmD of Canton and Dr. Ross Zafonte of Massachusetts General Hospital to the Rare Disease Advisory Council.

Statement of Representative Ramos of North Andover.

A statement of Ms. Ramos of North Andover was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

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MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the remainder of the sitting on Wednesday, April 9th due to a family emergency. Had I been present for Yea and Nay Nos. 26, 28 and 29, I would have voted, in each instance, in the affirmative. Had I been present for roll call number 27 on amendment 10, I would have voted in the negative. My missing of roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated above.

Resolutions.

East Longmeadow,—Revolutionary War veterans.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Ashe of Longmeadow and Puppolo of Springfield) commemorating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolutionary War and honoring the memory of the Revolutionary War veterans from the town of East Longmeadow, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from January 23, 2025 to February 19, 2025; Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the February 20, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; Emergency housing assistance.

From the Division of Insurance (see Section 117C of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting its Credit Insurance report for calendar year 2023; Credit insurance.

From the Division of Insurance (see Section 117C of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting its Credit Insurance report for calendar year 2022; and Id.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 1A and 1B of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the actual revenue tax and non-tax collections for fiscal year 2024; Tax revenue collections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4011) of Michelle L. Badger and James C. Arena-DeRosa for legislation to establish a school transportation commission. To the committee on Education. School transportation,—study.

By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4012) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to access to neurological disorder screenings for firefighters; Firefighters,—neurological screenings.

By Representatives Gentile of Sudbury and Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4013) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Mike Connolly and James B. Eldridge relative to for-profit health care and insurance; and For-profit health care.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4014) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to insurance coverage for pharmacists providing opioid use disorder treatment. Opioid treatment,—insurance.

Severally to the committee on Financial Services.

By Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4015) of Shirley B. Arriaga and others relative to expanding a short-term housing bridge pilot program. To the committee on Housing. Housing bridge program.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4016) of Russell E. Holmes relative to neuroscience in criminal proceedings; Criminal proceedings.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4017) of Russell E. Holmes relative to parents involved in custody disputes; and Custody disputes.

By Representative Nguyen of Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4018) of Tram T. Nguyen relative to assault survivors. Assault survivors.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4019) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to compensation for warranty service labor. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Warranty service labor.

Accessory dwelling units.

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4020) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to owner occupancy requirement for accessory dwelling units; and

Housing,—zoning.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4021) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others relative to municipal housing zoning requirements.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Rabies vaccine.

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 4022) of James C. Arena-DeRosa for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the rabies vaccine laws and exempting certain pets with illness from said vaccine;

Mold inspections.

By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4023) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to mold inspection standards;

Id.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4024) of Bruce J. Ayers that the Department of Public Health be authorized to study mold and mold spores in multi-unit dwellings; and

Health and human services,—study.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4025) of John Barrett, III and others for legislation to establish a special commission to study the effectiveness of the executive office of health and human services.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

Parole Board and correctional employees.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4026) of Russell E. Holmes relative to the powers of certain employees of the parole board and correctional institutions. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Motor vehicles,—excise tax.

By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4027) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to motor vehicle excise tax exemptions for persons with a disabilities. To the committee on Revenue.

Department of Correction and Parole Board.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4028) of Russell E. Holmes for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to transferring the Department of Correction and the Parole Board from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

License plates,—tinting.

By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4029) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the use of tinted license plate covers. To the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Rochester,—governance.

Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven and Senator Rodrigues presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4030) of Mark D. Sylvia and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) relative to the organization and governance structure of the town of Rochester; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Andrew Setera,—sick leave.

A petition of Mark C. Montigny and Mark D. Sylvia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Andrew Setera, an employee of the Trial Court, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2508) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Report of Committees.

Travel insurance.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Tackey Chan relative to travel insurance. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 14, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Wellesley High School girls indoor track team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Wellesley High School girls indoor track and field team, who won their eighth consecutive MIAA Division 2 state championship this winter. The group, along with their Head Coach, John Griffith, were guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Communications.

Communications

Boston Police Crime Laboratory.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 184A(d) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting the Forensic Science Oversight Board status update on the Boston Police Department Crime Laboratory;

Occupational licensure.

From the Division of Occupational Licensure (see Section 35V of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting its annual trust report for fiscal year 2025; and

Stable Start.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 7004-9030 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Stable Start legislative report for fiscal year 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Final Reports.

Tax expenditures.

An annual report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) submitting a review of tax expenditures for calendar year 2025; and

Higher Education Capital fund.

A report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 196 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Higher Education Capital Working Group's final legislative report;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Weston,—

Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Barrett presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4031) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town)

relative to increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. special police officers.

Representative Gaskey of Carver presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John R. Gaskey and Kari MacRae for legislation to establish penalties for certain health care providers providing sexual orientation and gender identity change medical procedures; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Gender identity procedures,— penalties.

Report of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of James J. O'Day for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dana Johnson, an employee of the Department of Children and Families. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Dana Johnson,— sick leave.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M. Next sitting.

At three minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Recognition of Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day.

Cambodian genocide.

During the session, Ms. Howard of Lowell took the Chair, declared a brief recess and, on behalf of Representatives Howard of Lowell, Nguyen of Andover, Chan of Quincy, Wong of Saugus, Uyterhoeven of Somerville, Sangiolo of Newton and Hong of Lowell, for the purpose of recognizing that April 17th marks the 50th anniversary of the Cambodian genocide, when the Khmer Rouge took control of Cambodia and murdered close to 2 million Cambodians over the next four years.

On May 4, 2023, the Massachusetts Legislature, for the first time in the history of Massachusetts, passed a House Resolution proclaiming April 17th as Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day. The Remembrance memorializes and honors all those lost in the genocide and honors all survivors living in Massachusetts today.

Guests of the House.

Weston High School boys track and field team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the Weston High School boys indoor track and field team. The team recently won the MIAA Division 5 State Championship this winter and were joined by Head Coach Jason Montrose. They were guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Weston High School boys fencing team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Weston boys fencing team. The team recently won the Massachusetts High School Fencing State Championship, and were led by Head Coach Harrison Hue. They were guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Armenian Genocide.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Muradian of Grafton, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, Lawn of Watertown, Owens of Watertown and Rogers of Cambridge) commending the Armenian American community of the Commonwealth, the Armenian Heritage Foundation, Friends of the Armenian Heritage Park, and former

State Representatives Rachel Kaprielian and Peter Koutoujian on the occasion of the commemoration of the Armenian Genocide; and

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Nguyen and other members for the House) commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Black April; Black April.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Inspector General (see Section 12 of Chapter 12A of the General Laws, as amended by Section 293 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its annual report entitled: MassHealth and Health Safety Net: 2024 Annual Report; MassHealth and Health Safety Net.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1069 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Health Information Technology Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2025; Health information technology.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-6368 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2025; and Transportation trust fund.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-7066 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Massachusetts Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Pipeline Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2025; STEM transfer schedule.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission for 2024 and 2025 (under Section 219 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) relative to preventing substance use and promoting behavioral health in the Commonwealth, was placed on file. Community behavioral health.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Uyterhoeven of Somerville and Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4033) of Erika Uyterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to providing for legal voting rights in municipal elections for non-citizen residents of the city of Somerville; and Somerville,— voting rights.

By Representative Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4034) of Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize ranked choice voting in the town of Brookline. Brookline,— ranked choice voting.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4035) of Christine P. Barber, Erika Uyterhoeven and Mike Connolly (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to Somerville,— net zero emissions.

establish a net zero emissions standard for zoning of new constructed buildings and major renovation projects; and

Brookline,— green zoning.

By Representative Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4036) of Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Brookline be authorized to adopt green zoning by-laws and regulations in said town.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Methane emissions surcharge.

Representative Vitolo of Brookline presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tommy Vitolo for legislation to authorize cities and towns to impose a methane emissions surcharge and non-pipeline alternatives; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

New Bedford,— vacancies.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2509) of Mark C. Montigny and Antonio F. D. Cabral (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relating to vacancies in the office of mayor in the city of New Bedford, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Reports of Committees.

General Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 1, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4000) [Total Appropriation: $61,395,196,208.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, further consideration thereof was postponed, on further motion of the same member, until Monday, April 28.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Barber of Somerville in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Barber), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Burlington,—Girl Scouts.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Ms. Barber of Somerville), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Girl Scouts of Burlington. The group, along with their chaperones, were guests of Representative Gordon of Bedford.

Resolutions.

Japan.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Sangiolo of Newton and other members of the House) reaffirming the commitment to continue and strengthen the long history of strong friendship between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Japan, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

MBTA,—sales tax revenues.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 35T of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the certification of MBTA Sales Tax Revenues for fiscal year 2026;

Workforce Training Fund.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development Workforce Training Fund Program (WTFP) (see Section 2RR of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Illegal tobacco task force.

From the Multi-Agency Illegal Tobacco Task Force (see Section 40(d) of Chapter 64C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 annual report relative to the coordination of efforts to combat contraband tobacco distribution, including efforts to foster compliance with the law and conduct targeted investigations and enforcement actions; and

Workforce competitiveness.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1075 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

The annual report of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (under Section 20 of Chapter 23 of the General Laws) submitting its summary of key findings and recommendations for fiscal year 2024 research was placed on file. Gaming Commission.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4037) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to problem gambling. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Problem gambling.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4038) of John Barrett, III relative to school transportation reimbursement. To the committee on Education. School transportation.

By Representative Badger of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4039) of Michelle L. Badger that the Department of Aging and Independence provide universal breakfast and lunch at senior centers, centers for active living and councils on aging. To the committee on Elder Affairs. Seniors,— breakfast.

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and Luddy of Orleans, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4040) of Michelle L. Badger, Vanna Howard and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the discharge of spent fuel pool water; and Fuel pool water discharge.

By Representative Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4041) of Mike Connolly for legislation to establish an office of green zone administration within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Green zones.

Severally to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4042) of John Barrett, III relative to cancellations of homeowner insurance policies; and Homeowners insurance,— cancellation.

By Representative Cruz of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4043) of Manny Cruz relative to copay assistance for medications. Medication copays.

Severally to the committee Financial Services.

By Representative Mendes of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4044) of Rita A. Mendes relative to tuition and student loan reimbursement in gateway cities for certain physicians, dentists or nurses. To the committee on Higher Education. Student loans,— reimbursement.

By Representative Ramos of North Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4045) of Adrianne Pusateri Ramos for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to improvements to the child support system; and Child support,— study.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4046) of Adrianne Pusateri Ramos for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the alimony system. Alimony,— study.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4047) of John Barrett, III relative to special permits. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Special permits.

By Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4048) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to post surgery infection rates. To the committee on Public Health. Post surgery infections.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4049) of Russell E. Holmes for legislation to establish a prisoner donation program. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Prisoners,— donation program.

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4050) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to adult use, support services, cultivation and taxation of psilocybin-containing fungi; and Psilocybin.

By Representative Mendes of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4051) of Rita A. Mendes for legislation to establish a municipal tax assessment increase limit. Municipal tax assessments.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

By Representative Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4052) of Tommy Vitolo and others relative to a specialized stretch energy code. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Stretch energy code.

By Representatives Arriaga of Chicopee and Ramos of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4053) of Shirley B. Arriaga and Orlando Ramos for legislation to authorize the use of Kei vehicles; and Kei vehicles.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4054) of Leigh Davis for legislation to establish a microtransit fund. Microtransit fund.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 218) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Joanne M. Comerford, Manny Cruz, Paul R. Feeney and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to Social Work Uplifting Practices and Exam Removal ("The SUPER Act"),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Higher Education. Social workers,— exams.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 227) of Ryan C. Fattman and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to expand options for EMT paramedics; and EMT paramedics.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 247) of John F. Keenan for legislation to increase the number of continuing education hours of podiatrists; Podiatrists.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Of the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 561) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to streamline permitting for rail electrification,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation. Rail electrification.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2510) of Michael D. Brady relative to the election of the mayor, city councilor and school committee in the city of Brockton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws. Brockton,—elections.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 327) of Natalie M. Blais relative to regulating surgical assistants; and Surgical assistants.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 453) of Edward R. Philips relative to the licensure of dietitians and nutritionists; Dieticians and nutritionists.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Ms. Barber of Somerville being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

Tax Expenditure Review Commission.

The Minority Leader announced that (under the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) he had appointed Jamie Oppedisano of Hingham to serve as his designee to the Tax Expenditure Review Commission, replacing Representative Soter of Bellingham.

Resolutions.

Margaret Braun.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Margaret S. Braun on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Liability management and reduction.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 2TT of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the activities of the Liability Management and Reduction Fund for fiscal year 2024;

Working training.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the monthly Working Training for Emergency Assistance Residents report for March 2025;

Personal care attendant sustainability.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0601 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Working Group report regarding long-term sustainability and cost-containment; and

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the March 6, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

A report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under item 0340-2100 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) relative to Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC) active case referrals was placed on file. Disabled persons protection.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4055) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) relative to establishing recall elections in the town of Lanesborough. To the committee on Election Laws. Lanesborough,—recall elections.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4056) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) for legislation to increase the membership of the select board of the town of Lanesborough; and Lanesborough,—select board.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4057) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Haverhill be authorized to increase the membership of the board of health in said city from three members to five members; Haverhill,—board of health.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Honan of Boston and Michael J. Moran of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kevin G. Honan and Michael J. Moran for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for James Caruso, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. James Caruso,—sick leave.

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership to have a seat on the Seaport Economic Council. Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to insurance coverage for habilitative and rehabilitative care for the neurodevelopmental condition stuttering. Insurance coverage,—stuttering.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to retirement and pensions during the COVID 19 pandemic. COVID-19,—benefits.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to repealing the sales tax on boats built or rebuilt in the Commonwealth. Sales tax,—boats.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to promoting zero-emission vehicles. Zero-emission vehicles.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to the definition of veteran. Veterans,—definition.

By Representative Pease of Westfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kelly W. Pease and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to battery storage facility permitting and penalties for noncompliance. Battery storage facilities.

By the same members, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kelly W. Pease and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to establish buffer zones for battery storage facilities. Id.

By Representative Pease of Westfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kelly W. Pease, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to lithium battery storage facilities. Lithium battery storage facilities.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1474) of Bruce E. Tarr, David F. DeCoste, Colleen M. Garry, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to allow moveable tiny houses as permanent residential dwellings and accessory dwelling units,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Housing,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence. Moveable houses.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 28, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representative Ferrante of Gloucester had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Communications.

Communications

Children,—catastrophic illness.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 11 of Chapter 111K of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023;

Id.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 11 of Chapter 111K of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Annual Report Fiscal Year 2022;

Community corrections centers.

From the Office of Community Corrections of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws, and by item 0339-1003 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025 of the Massachusetts Probation Service Office of Community Corrections, including a statistical report on the utilization of community corrections centers;

Families in transition,—residential assistance.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 7004-9316 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) second quarterly report for fiscal year, 2024; and

Children's Behavioral Health Initiative.

From MassHealth (see item 4000-0950 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report on the implementation of the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative;

Severally were placed on file.

Orders of the Day.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

General Appropriation Bill.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond

requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4000), was considered, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

After debate on the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Representatives Lombardo of Billerica, Pease of Westfield and Boldyga of Southwick then moved to amend it by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. (a)Section 2 of Chapter 64H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking '6.25 per cent' and replacing it with '5 per cent'.

(b)SECTION 2. Section 2 of Chapter 64I of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking '6.25 per cent' and replacing it with '5 per cent'.".

After debate the amendment was rejected.

Representatives Lombardo of Billerica and Boldyga of Southwick then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. (a)Section 4 of said chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(b) Part B taxable income shall be taxed at the rate of 4.5 percent.

(b) Subsection (a) of this act shall be effective beginning July 1, 2025.".

After debate the amendment was rejected.

Representatives Lombardo of Billerica, Pease of Westfield and Boldyga of Southwick then moved to amend the bill by adding the following two sections:

"SECTION 84. Section 4(d) of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 28 of chapter 50 of the acts of 2023, is hereby amended by striking out the third and fourth sentences and inserting in place thereof the following:

For purposes of determining the applicability of the additional 4 per cent tax under this subsection, a married couple may elect to file jointly or separately on their Massachusetts return, regardless of their federal filing status. The $1,000,000 threshold shall apply to each individual filing a separate return.

SECTION 85. Sections 84 shall take effect for taxable years beginning on January 1, 2025.".

After debate the amendment was rejected.

The same members then moved to amend the bill by adding the following two sections:

"SECTION 84. Section 1 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 100 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

(s) 'Overtime wage', wages paid to an hourly employee for working in excess of 40 hours per week; provided, that wages earned by salaried employees shall not constitute overtime wage.

SECTION 85. Paragraph (b) of part B of section 3 of said chapter 62, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subparagraph:-

(6) An amount equal to the overtime wages earned by the taxpayer within the taxable year.".

Quorum.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, Mr. Lombardo of Billerica asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was in attendance. A count showed 85 members were in attendance.

After debate the amendment was rejected.

Representatives Lombardo of Billerica and Boldyga of Southwick then moved to amend the bill by adding the following two sections:

"SECTION 84. Section 1 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 100 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

(s) 'Tipped wage', a sum of money, including any amount designated by a credit card patron, a gift or a gratuity, given as an acknowledgment of any service performed by a wait staff employee, service employee or service bartender.

SECTION 85. Paragraph (b) of part B of section 3 of said chapter 62, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subparagraph:-

(6) An amount equal to the tipped wages earned by the taxpayer within the taxable year.".

After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Boldyga of Southwick then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, Chapter 62 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Section 1. No tax shall be imposed on income earned by any resident or inhabitant of the Commonwealth on or after July 4, 2026.".

The amendment was rejected.

The same member then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, Section 5 of Chapter 62 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, no tax shall be imposed under this chapter upon any individual under the age of 21 years and over the age of 70 years.

subsection a. This amendment shall take effect on July 4, 2026.".

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Boldyga then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, Section 2 of Chapter 64H of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out '6.25 per cent' and replacing it with '5 per cent'.

Subsection a. This amendment shall take effect on July 4, 2026.".

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Boldyga of Southwick then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, Section 1 of Chapter 64A of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out 'shall be 24 cents per gallon' after the words 'Tax per gallon' and replacing it with 'shall be 10 cents per gallon'.

Subsection a. This amendment shall take effect on July 4, 2026.".

The amendment was rejected.

The same member then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, taxable income consisting of short-term capital gains, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 62 of the General Laws, shall be taxed at the rate of 5 per cent starting on July 4, 2026.".

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Boldyga then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, Section 2A of chapter 65C of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out

the section in its entirety and replacing it with the following: 'The estates of decedents dying on or after July 4, 2026 shall not be required to pay any tax.'.".

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. (a) The terms used in this section shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

'Amnesty period', a period of time commencing for 2 consecutive months and not earlier than the date a local legislative body establishes a municipal tax amnesty program according to this act and expiring not later than June 30, 2027, as the local legislative body might determine, during which the municipal tax amnesty program established by the local legislative body shall be in effect in that city or town.

'Collector', a person receiving a tax list and a warrant to collect the same.

'Covered amount', the aggregate of all penalties, fees, charges and accrued interest assessed by the collector or treasurer for the failure of a certain taxpayer to timely pay a subject liability; provided, however, that the covered amount shall not include the subject liability itself or any fees and charges authorized or incurred for the collection of a past due subject liability for which notice has been issued; and provided further, that nothing in this section shall authorize the waiver of penalties, fees, charges and accrued interest resulting from the violation of any law, municipal by-law or ordinance.

'Municipal tax amnesty program', a temporary policy by a city or town to forever waive its right to collect all or any uniform proportion of the covered amount, as determined by the local legislative body, then due from any person who, prior to the expiration of the amnesty period, voluntarily pays the collector or treasurer the full amount of the subject liability that serves as the basis for the covered amount; provided, however, that a municipal tax amnesty program shall not include a policy that enables or requires a city or town to waive its right to collect the covered amount from a person who, at the time of commencement of the amnesty period is or was the subject of a criminal investigation or prosecution for failure to pay the city or town any subject liability or covered amount.

'Subject liability', the principal amount of a particular tax or excise liability payable by a taxpayer under chapter 59, 60, 60A or 60B of the General Laws, as determined by the local legislative body.

'Treasurer', as described in chapter 41 of the General Laws.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the local legislative body in any city or town may vote to establish a municipal tax amnesty program according to the provisions of this section and shall, at the same time as such vote, determine the amnesty period. Tax amnesty periods shall not extend beyond June 30, 2027. The commissioner of revenue may issue such guidelines as he deems appropriate to carry out this section.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 132 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 30.

[See Yea and Nay No. 30 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

On the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

Bill ordered to a third reading,—yea and nay No. 31.

[See Yea and Nay No. 31 in Supplement.]

The bill (House, No. 4000) was ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

At twenty-nine minutes past twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-three minutes past four o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements.".

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Gaskey of Carver then moved to amend it by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, by inserting the following section:

Section 1E.No public school shall allow a male student athlete to participate on a girls' sports team unless, based on a preponderance of the evidence, it can show that:

1) there is no equivalent boys' team for that sport;

2) allowing the male athlete to participate on the team would not displace any girl from the team's roster;

3) the male athlete would not pose an increased risk of harm to opponents beyond that which would be posed by an average female athlete in that sport; and

4) the male athlete would not provide the team with a significant competitive advantage.

A civil action may be brought in the Superior Court under this section to determine whether a school has properly granted or denied approval to a male student athlete to participate on a girls' team. The Superior Court shall have available all remedies at law or in equity. A party who brings an action to enforce this section and prevails shall be entitled to his or her costs and attorney's fees.".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, Mr. Lewis of Framingham moved to amend it by striking out the amendment in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

By inserting after section 67 the following section:

"SECTION 67A. (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, each school district shall provide to the department of elementary and secondary education data for school year 2024 to 2025 and the first half of school year 2025 to 2026 for: (i) the number of single teams at a school in a particular sport established consistent with rule 43.2 of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association 'Rules and Regulations Governing Athletics A Handbook for Principals and Athletic Directors' in effect for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025, inclusive; (ii) any single team at a school in a particular sport pursuant to clause (i), the number of individuals participating that are not restricted based on eligibility and authorized to play on said team pursuant to said rule 43.2; (iii) the number of games played by the teams pursuant to clause (i); (iv) the records of the teams pursuant to clause (i), including wins and losses; (v) the numbers of games that were played by the teams pursuant to clause (i) against any other single teams at another school in a particular sport pursuant to clause (i); (vi) the number of injuries sustained as a result of participation under said single teams in a particular sport, if any; (vii) if applicable, whether there is a restriction that is necessary to ensure that the school's gendered designation of athletic opportunities complies with Title IX, either by demonstrating proportionality or the absence of unmet interest

among members of the underrepresented sex; and (viii) any other information the department deems necessary. These data from each school district shall be delineated by school.

(b) Not later than March 7, 2026, the department of elementary and secondary education shall report on data collected from each school district pursuant to subsection (a) to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education. The report shall aggregate data and identify trends related to any data collection pursuant to subsection (a).".

Quorum.

Pending the question on adoption of the further amendment, Mr. Gaskey of Carver asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was in attendance. A count showed 101 members were in attendance.

After debate the further amendment was adopted, thus precluding a vote on the pending amendment.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

Consolidated amendments (education and local aid, and social services and veterans).

Mr. Michlewitz and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 1410-0010, in line 6, by inserting after the figures: "4190-0100" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $85,000 shall be expended for the NEADS Service Dogs for Veterans program to train service dogs for veterans; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Community Servings to develop and implement a statewide pilot program to provide medically-tailored meals to veterans in the commonwealth"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "12,435,035" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "12,620,035";

In item 1410-0012, in line 15, by inserting after the year: "2025" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the Veterans Oral History Project in Natick; provided further that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Bilingual Veteran's Outreach Center in Springfield for a Pittsfield caseworker; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Dudley-Gendron - Post 414 American Legion Hall in Sutton; provided further, not less than $5,000 shall be expended to Attleboro's Global War on Terrorism Monument Committee to assist with the creation of a historical tribute of remembrance, respect and gratitude for all those who have served in the Global War on Terrorism; provided further, not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Springfield Veterans First (NABVET) Outreach Center; provided further that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Veterans Inc. to expand its behavioral health programming and create low-barrier access to treatment for persons at the Worcester housing programs; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the collaboration between NEBSI and JLC services to establish a network for the eTMS program to treat veterans and first responders who suffer from any post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries, substance use disorders, depression, anxiety and sleep disorders; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Cape and Island Veterans Outreach Center Hyannis for service-enriched housing and all-inclusive supportive programs for United States military veterans; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the Granby Legion Post 266 to support the renovation of its community kitchen; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. for supportive housing programs and operational functions"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "9,528,474" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "10,208,474";

In item 1410-0250 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the Disabled American Veterans Department of Massachusetts Service Fund Inc. to combat veterans homelessness by maintaining

and operating veterans homes and to provide benefits counseling, and wrap around assistance to veterans and their families"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "3,952,392" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "4,452,392";

In item 1410-0400, in line 48, by inserting after the word "support" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for assistance to VFW Post 8892 in the town of Stoughton; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for improvements to Amvets Post 1977 in the town of Stoughton"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "81,806,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "81,826,000";

In item 1410-1616 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for the construction and repair of war memorials; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Worcester for maintenance and care of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the city of Worcester"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "140,000";

In item 3000-1000, in line 37, by inserting after the word "requirements" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to The Elizabeth Peabody House in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the young parents program at More Than Words, Inc.; provided further, that $25,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Children's Place for early education and care support services"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "13,551,428" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "13,776,428";

In item 3000-1020, in line 26, by inserting after the word "appropriation" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to purchase equipment for the early education programs at Harmony Grove and Miriam F McCarthy Elementary Schools in the city of Framingham to align with the standards set forth by the Department of Early Education and Care"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "46,903,765" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "46,953,765";

In item 4003-0122, in line 13, by inserting after the word "services" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Casa Dominicana to assist in ESL classes and computer training for low-income adults; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the Center for New Americans to support the coordination of volunteers and delivery of services in the city known as the town of Amherst"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "1,305,255" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,385,255";

In item 4003-0124, in line 3, by inserting after the word "program" the following: "; provided further, not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the Brazilian American center in the city of Framingham to administer and facilitate immigrant legal services, advocacy, and related assistance"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "5,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "5,075,000";

In item 4400-1000, in line 35, by inserting after the word "transfer" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Fresh Start Furniture Bank of Hudson; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Cradles to Crayons, Inc. for its clothing insecurity relief and essentials distribution service; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for supporting transition-aged youth through the Friends of Children, Inc. FOCUS Program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "107,462,031" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "107,912,031";

In item 4400-1001, in line 4, by inserting after the words "Hunger, Inc." the following: "; provided further, that funds may be expended to establish a pilot

program to supplement the supply of food available to recipients of benefits provided under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program using mechanisms designed to identify surplus food and distribute such surplus food to the recipients at a discount; provided further, said program shall: (a) employ technology to redirect surplus food to areas in which recipients are experiencing a higher need for more affordable and healthier food; (b) ensure that surplus food distributed pursuant to this program complies with nutritional standards and guidelines set by the department; and (c) prioritize reducing food insecurity for recipients";

In item 4400-1004, in line 8, by inserting after the word "program" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Growing Places in the city of Leominster for the purpose of the development of the regional food center in north central Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Allston-Brighton Food Pantry and community refrigerator support program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Dracut Food Pantry"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "20,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "20,100,000";

In item 4400-1020, in line 19, by inserting after the word "partnerships" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the main south community development corporation to promote the safety and security of the university park and beacon brightly neighborhoods"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "5,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "5,050,000";

In item 4800-0015, in line 47, by inserting after the word "available" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to Rick's Place of Wilbraham to provide grief support to youth and their families in the pioneer valley; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Empower Mentor Program to provide mentorship, community events, and year-round programming for young women and men in Massachusetts who have experienced the loss of a parent; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for Scituate Community Christmas to provide emergency support for families and individuals during times of financial hardship"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "157,866,916" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "158,026,916";

In item 4800-0030 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Weymouth Teen Center for job skills training, technology support, remedial education services, and to promote a social service program for growth and social welfare"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "11,089,960" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "11,239,960";

In item 4800-0038, in line 16, by inserting after the year: "2023" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Jewish Family and Children's Service, Inc.'s Center for Early Relationship Support including for the Fragile Beginnings program, Project Newborns exposed to substances: support and therapy and related clinical and community services for vulnerable families with children from birth to age 5; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended to Italian Home for Children, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Julie's Family Learning Program, Inc. for programming and services to help women break the cycle of poverty"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "347,457,804" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "347,932,804";

In item 7009-6600, in line 7, by inserting after the words "college" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended to Westfield state university for early college programming for nursing and health science pathways to

support labor force development with western Massachusetts hospitals and health care providers"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "14,205,894" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "14,380,894";

In item 7010-0033, in line 6, by inserting after the words "department" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for The Literacy Lab for the purposes of placing recent high school graduates in classrooms or community-based early childhood centers to provide evidence-based literacy intervention services to at-risk Pre-K students, and to provide participants with training, coaching and professional development, with the goal of diversifying the educator pipeline and educating participants on the teacher education and licensure process in Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Haverhill public library for the Haverhill Promise initiative to expand early literacy"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "5,716,683" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "5,966,683";

In item 7010-1192, in line 4, by inserting after the word "appropriation" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the nonprofit Springfield Together Inc., for the creation of the Springfield brought together camp; provided further, that not less than $5,000 shall be expended to south shore regional vocational technical high school for equipment upgrades to the graphic design visual communication and allied health programs; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Millis for Spanish language curriculum materials and professional development; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the town of Lunenburg for security system upgrades in the Lunenburg public schools; provided further, that not less than $49,000 shall be expended for chromebooks for third-grade students in the Amesbury public schools; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for youth programs at Dennison memorial community center in New Bedford; provider further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for a reserve to assist the town of Bedford for the education of children in families employed by the federal government on military reservations who attend Shawsheen valley technical high school; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Ateneo Dominicano Del Merrimack Valley to maintain and promote Dominican culture throughout the Merrimack valley through history, literature, arts, customs and family values; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Asociación Carnavalesca de Massachusetts, Inc. in the city of Lawrence, to highlight the colorful tradition of Dominican carnival in the Merrimack valley and to provide at-risk youth with assistance programming and after school activities; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Instituto Cultural de Puerto Rico, Inc. in the city of Lawrence, to highlight the colorful tradition of Puerto Rican culture in the Merrimack Valley; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to the town of Bellingham for improvements to communication and audio systems throughout the Bellingham high school campus; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Boston Green Academy for the continuation of the environmental science & technology career pathway program; provided further, not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Chelsea to fund building renovations within the Chelsea public school district; provided further, not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the city of Chelsea for library renovations at the Mary C. Burke elementary school complex; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Salem public schools for the purpose of upgrading the Salem high school fieldhouse gym floor and other play surfaces; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to fund architectural plans to renovate and expand the New

Art Center in Newtonville for a space to serve as a multi-disciplinary visual arts center and enable the facility to become fully ADA compliant; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Beyond Soccer, Inc. for innovative health, athletic and leadership programming for low-income youth in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to Prophecy Wrestling Club for equipment costs to expand the program's reach; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Palante to support building energy sufficiency; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the town of Swampscott for repairs to the Jackson park track and field at Swampscott high school; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to St. Stephen's youth program for the parent mentor program providing educational support to students and nurturing a school environment where engaged adults foster success; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell, Inc. in the city of Lowell for transitional services for refugees; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Plympton for the replacement of a rooftop HVAC system at Dennett elementary school; provided further that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for The United States of Readers program, administered by Scholastic Book Clubs, to bridge the literacy gap through increased book access in Title I elementary schools; provided further, that not less than $875,000 shall be expended to the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Mobile Museum of Tolerance Bus to serve middle and high school students, teachers, law enforcement agencies, faith leaders, government leaders and others by bringing an inventive approach to community outreach through bringing the museum field trip directly to the communities and designed to prevent bullying, racism, antisemitism, hate and intolerance and to encourage respect for human dignity; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Urbanity Dance to serve an unmet demand for access to affordable and accessible dance training; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Community Music School of Springfield, Inc. in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for materials, including but not limited to STEM kits, and other costs associated with the North Attleborough middle school STEM project; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for the procurement of new uniforms for the North Attleborough high school band; provided that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Acushnet council on aging and community center to replace their outdated HVAC system; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Amherst regional high school Performing Arts Department to make technological repairs and infrastructure improvements; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a project to connect organic gardening, outdoor exercise, healthy food, food preparation and elementary school-aged children in the greater Northampton area, operated by Grow Food Northampton; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for mental health services in Braintree public schools; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the All Dorchester Sports League, Inc. for educational support, nutrition and other community benefits related to the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for Friends of the Children – Boston, Inc. for the expansion of the professional K-12 youth mentorship program; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Gardner to support the operations of a teen center; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the town of Oxford for classroom chromebooks, software and security

cameras in Oxford public schools; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Música Franklin, Inc. for educational music programming; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the engineering to address a interior/exterior structural issue at Acushnet elementary school; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the Westfield public schools band program; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to meet the transportation needs of Barnstable public schools; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the BIRCH Center to continue the operations of the school-based behavioral health technical assistance center, pursuant to section 16FF of chapter 6A of the General Laws; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Catie's Closet, Inc. to provide students in kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, in schools with a high percentage of low-income and homeless students with: (i) in-school access to clothing, toiletries and basic necessities; and (ii) community-based resources including, but not limited to, social services, mental health services and behavioral health services; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Community Investors, Inc. for their PowerPlay Initiative of in the town of Wellesley in support of the expansion of an inclusive after-school and out-of-school-time recreational program at urban and suburban Massachusetts schools; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Science Club for Girls for STEM education programming"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "4,464,000";

In item 7010-1193, in line 6, by inserting after the word "commonwealth" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Coalition for Anti-Racism and Equity, Inc. and the Commonwealth Seminar for a joint fellowship program for high school and college students from underrepresented communities of color; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the USS Constitution Museum, Inc. for civics education programs within the Charlestown Navy shipyard park", in line 7, by striking out the figures: "$500,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,000,000"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "1,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,700,000";

In item 7027-0019, in line 19, by inserting after the words "job" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for Triangle, Inc.'s school to career program that connects special education students with disabilities in Greater Boston to careers and their local communities; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the operation of the SMART and Eureka programs at the Framingham, Holyoke, Lowell, Lynn, Pittsfield and Worcester chapters of Girls Inc"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "6,531,266" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "7,031,266";

In item 7027-1004, in line 17, by inserting after the word "acquisition" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Latinx Community Center for Empowerment (LCCE), Inc. in the city of Lowell for the administration of a workforce development program including ESOL classes, resume building, interview training and job placement services; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the public school system in the town of Rockland to support the English language learners program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "3,696,331" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "3,746,331";

In item 7028-0031, in line 5, by inserting after the word "correction" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Fundacion CEMDPCD to support, educate and advocate on behalf of low-income

parents of students with learning disabilities in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Food for the World to support low-income families in the Merrimack Valley who are struggling with food insecurity and other basic needs"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "8,760,943" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "8,810,943";

In item 7035-0001 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the town of Hopedale for the development of the center for innovation, research and creativity at Memorial elementary school"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "3,118,500" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "3,153,500";

In item 7035-0002, in line 27, by inserting after the word "analyzed" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Pathways Inc. in the city of Lynn for adult education"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "58,923,560" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "58,948,560";

In item 7035-0006 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the city of Worcester to purchase and install solar powered rectangular rapid flashing beacons and complementary pedestrian crossing improvements for 5 high priority locations leading to Worcester public schools"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "57,119,862" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "57,169,862";

In item 7061-0012, in line 2, by striking out the figures: "2,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "10,500,000", in line 78, by inserting after the word "audit" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for school districts in which special education costs exceed 25 per cent of the total district costs and in which tuition and other circuit-breaker eligible costs for placements at an approved private school located within the district exceed both $1,000,000 and 23.5 per cent of all tuition and other circuit-breaker eligible costs for placements at approved private schools"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "484,677,484" and inserting in place thereof the following figures: "484,877,484";

In item 7061-0033 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Lincoln to mitigate the costs of educating the children of retired-military families"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "1,285,500" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,450,000";

In item 7061-9408, in line 58, by inserting after the word "months" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the recruitment and training of educators offered by Teach for America Massachusetts to expand the teacher corps to address teacher vacancies in high need public schools and to close achievement gaps"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "16,454,430" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "16,554,430";

In item 7061-9611, in line 38, by inserting after the word "law" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the Worcester YWCA for youth swimming lessons as part of summer programming for children who identify as low income, as well as necessary infrastructure to comply with Christian's Law; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Natick public schools to support summer programming, school vacation week programming and artificial intelligence translation equipment; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Coalition for a Better Acre, Inc. YES! year – round Out-of-School-Time program for over 100 Acre youths ages 5-14; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell, Inc. for afterschool cultural program and rising stars sports and leadership summer day camp that serves over 100 students each year;

provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Methuen Youth Innovation, Inc. to support the establishment and operations of the Methuen Youth Innovation HUB, with a focus on empowering youth in the district through comprehensive leadership development, social skills building and civic engagement; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Friends of the Hernández for fostering bilingual and bicultural leaders while providing essential enrichment, after-school programming and family engagement opportunities; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to fund the enrichment activities at the Pioneer Valley Regional school districts afterschool programs for children ages K-6; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Steps to Success, Inc. to provide academic and personal support for low-income students from 4th grade to college graduation; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Boston Partners for Education to support school programing needs; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended for the Recreation Worcester program in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to Piers Park Sailing Center for sailing and maritime education and operations in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the Boston Debate League Incorporated for their after-school debate league program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Girls Design Academy in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the Cape Verdean Association of Brockton for employment positions for at-risk youth within their YEP! We Can Summer Program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "7,272,449" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "8,307,449";

In item 7061-9612, in line 39, by inserting after the word "schools" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to the town of Mendon for a single point entry keycard security system for elementary and middle school buildings and for the Mendon- Upton Regional school district high school building"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "670,086" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "795,086";

In item 7061-9815, in line 7, by inserting after the word "outreach" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended on Mosaic Interfaith Youth Action, Inc. a grant program administered through the department of elementary and secondary education in coordination with the executive office of public safety and security for the purpose of preventing hate crimes and incidents statewide"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "400,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "425,000";

In item 7066-0000, in line 38, by inserting after the word "prevention" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Thrive Scholars to support college to career services; provided further, not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Fitchburg state university for an admissions position focused primarily on recruitment to the police program; provided further, that not less than $300,000 shall be expended to Quincy college to provide student supports and services"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "4,200,965" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "4,850,965";

In item 7066-0009 by striking out the figures: "374,740" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "433,525";

In item 7070-0065, in line 15, by striking out the figures: "430,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "480,000"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "175,188,311" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "175,238,311";

In item 7077-0023 by striking out the figures: “5,500,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “6,000,000”;

In item 7100-4000, in line 9, by inserting after the word “development” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended towards a workforce development program called Skill Surge at Holyoke community college”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “11,450,395” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “11,525,395”;

In item 7116-0100 by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the John J. Binienda center for civic education at Worcester state university to expand service learning and volunteerism in the greater Worcester community, to support student experiential learning, to foster and develop student leadership opportunities, to support first generation and economically disadvantaged students through targeted scholarship support, for new innovations in student civic engagement and learning through building of intentional networks of students with community members and alumni and for programmatic development, updates and technologies within the center”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “39,993,390” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “40,118,390”;

In section 2E by inserting after item 1595-0115 the following item:

“1595-0116 For the Genocide Education Trust Fund, as established in section 2MMMMM of chapter 29 of the General Laws, inserted by section 1 of chapter 98 of the acts of 2021; provided, that said funds shall be distributed by the commissioner of the department of elementary and secondary education for purposes related to the instruction of middle and high school students on the history of genocide, including but not limited to: (i) development of curricular materials detailing the underlying causes, international reaction, progression and aftermath of genocide; and (ii) professional development training, including, but not limited to, the provision of trainings, seminars, conferences and materials, for educators to use in the teaching of genocide…..…$500,000”;

In section 2F, in item 1596-2438, in lines 1 to 5, inclusive, by striking out the following: “For the cost of providing an additional $104 per pupil in minimum aid funding to qualifying cities, towns, regional school districts, counties maintaining agricultural schools, independent vocational schools and independent agricultural and technical schools to be distributed under chapters 70 and 76 of the General Laws and section 3” and inserting in place thereof the following: “For additional aid to qualifying cities, towns, regional school districts, counties maintaining agricultural schools, independent vocational schools and independent agricultural and technical schools to be distributed under chapters 70 and 76 of the General Laws and section 3 and for costs associated with providing $150 per pupil in minimum aid funding; provided, that these funds are in addition to funds provided in item 7061-0008”;

By inserting after section 64 the following section:

“SECTION 64A. Notwithstanding section 13A of chapter 15D of the General Laws, inserted by section 32 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, all child care financial assistance payments pursuant to said section 13A of said chapter 15D to providers through both vouchers pursuant to clause (i) of paragraph (b) of said section 13A of said chapter 15D and contracts pursuant to clause (ii) of said paragraph (b) of said section 13A of said chapter 15D, including Family Child Care Systems Administration, Priority Population Support Services Administration and base contract administration, shall include retention revenue policies and practices, including allowing providers to retain 20 per cent annual surplus revenue retention

from both the unit rate and cost reimbursement payments that were in place prior to contracts with an effective date of October 1, 2024 resulting from the request for responses by the department of early education and care dated March 20, 2024 and titled 'Contract Provider and FCC Systems – Income Eligible'."; and

By inserting after section 68 the following section:

"SECTION 68A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the bureau of purchased services in the operational services division shall determine prices for programs under chapter 71B of the General Laws in fiscal year 2026 by increasing the final fiscal year 2025 price by the rate of inflation as determined by the division. The division shall adjust prices for extraordinary relief pursuant to 808 CMR 1.06(4). The division shall accept applications for program reconstruction and special circumstances in fiscal year 2026. The division shall authorize the fiscal year 2026 price for out-of-state purchasers requested by a program, not to exceed a maximum price determined by the bureau, by identifying the most recent price calculated for the program and applying the estimated rate of inflation for each year, as determined by the bureau under section 22N of chapter 7 of the General Laws, in which the rate of inflation is frozen beginning with fiscal year 2004, in a compounded manner for each fiscal year.".

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 32.

After debate on the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments (Mr. Donato of Medford having taken the Chair), the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 32 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (education and local aid, and social services and veterans) were adopted.

Recess.

At one minute before six o'clock P.M. (Monday, April 28), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at eight o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Consolidated amendments (health and human services, and aging and independence).

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 4000-0005, in line 14, by inserting after the word "programs" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the SISU Center in the city of Lawrence to provide a safe space for structured education, health and recreational programming for at-risk youth throughout the Merrimack Valley"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "12,600,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "12,650,000";

In item 4000-0007, in lines 5 to 13, inclusive, by striking out the following: "(i) the number of youths served through this item; (ii) the types of services received by participating youths; (iii) the number of youths who transition into stabilized housing and the zip code of the stabilized housing; (iv) the number of youths who remain in stabilized housing after 90 days, when applicable; (v) other quantifiable data related to client outcomes as determined by the secretary; (vi) the number of youths turned away from the program; and (vii) the amount of funding awarded to vendors for the delivery of services and the names of each vendor" and inserting in place thereof the following: "(i) the number of youths served through this item receiving either prevention or rehousing services, both total statewide numbers and numbers by region; (ii) the types of services received by participating youths; (iii) the number of youth who transition into stabilized housing after experiencing homelessness; (iv) the number of youths who do not enter homelessness after receiving prevention support, and the number of youth who do not return to homelessness after being housed; (v)

other quantifiable data related to client outcomes as determined by the secretary; and (vi) the amount of funding awarded to vendors for the delivery of services and the names of each vendor; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to BAY-CASH to provide direct cash assistance to unaccompanied homeless youth"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "10,545,850" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "10,645,850";

In item 4000-0009, in line 4, by inserting after the word "office" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Sickle Cell Association to support advocacy, family support services, awareness campaigns, and staff expansion to improve quality of life for individuals living with sickle cell disease across the Commonwealth";

In item 4000-0300, in line 160, by striking out the figures: "300,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figures: "500,000", in line 165, by inserting after the word "state" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to support the critical care operations of New England Life Flight, Inc., d/b/a Boston MedFlight; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to support remote patient monitoring through Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center to support primary care delivery; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts to support continuing access to sexual and reproductive health care and community needs; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the operational costs of Massachusetts Oncology Patients, Survivors, and Supporters (MOPSS) to support its mission of providing services and advocacy for individuals affected by cancer across the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, Inc., to expand the healthy lives program; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Transhealth, Inc., for infrastructure and security improvements; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Sturdy Memorial Hospital for the expansion of its emergency department to create new capacity for emergency behavioral health services"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "157,140,881" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "160,025,881";

In item 4000-0601, in line 53, by inserting after the word "finance" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $2,973,456 shall be expended for the recognition of additional allowable costs to the standard base rate for nursing facilities located within 17 miles of 71 Hospital avenue in North Adams; provided further, that not less than $3,800,000 shall be expended for the recognition of additional allowable costs to the standard base rate over the base year rate established on October 1, 2024, for a nursing facility located on Martha's Vineyard Island and within 8 miles of a hospital that has received federal government designation as a Critical Access Hospital; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Harbor Health Services, Inc. for the operation of its Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) day centers in Mattapan, Brockton and any other communities for which Harbor Health Services has been contracted to help meet the Commonwealth's PACE expansion goals"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "5,117,088,567" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "5,117,238,567";

In item 4000-0700, in line 63, by inserting after the word "cases" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield to support its family medicine residency program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "4,231,525,812" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "4,231,775,812";

In item 9110-1604, in line 4, by inserting after the year: "2025" the following: "; and provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Hearth, Inc., for upgrades and other improvements, including those necessary for the operation of facilities operated by Hearth, Inc., in the city of Boston"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "11,642,961" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "11,842,961";

In item 9110-1900 by striking out the figures: "12,657,217" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "13,407,217";

In item 9110-9002, in line 7, by inserting after the word "elder" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the senior medical rides program and related elderly and veteran outreach efforts operated by Deja New Leicester, Inc., the council on aging in the town of Leicester and Project New Hope, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Fairhaven senior center for kitchen renovation and upgrades; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Wayland for an emergency generator for the new Wayland council on aging community center; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for grab and go meals for the council on aging in the town of East Bridgewater; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for improvements for the council on aging in the town of Whitman; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the Pepperell council on aging for new kitchen equipment and security upgrades to the reception area; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for heating and cooling renovations on the top floors of the town of Wakefield's senior center; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Methuen senior activity center for operational costs and event programming; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the costs associated with care and services provided at the Whipple Senior Center in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Parkway in Motion, Inc. to provide programming for seniors in the southwest neighborhoods of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Brookline senior center to create an intergenerational arts program; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Outstandinglife, Inc. for the operation of a statewide virtual senior center for LGBTQIA+ older adults; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the Granby senior center food pantry to support the purchase of food resources for individuals and families in the town of Granby; provided further, that not less than $70,000 shall be expended to Island Elderly Housing, Inc., for the purpose of emergency preparedness; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of North Andover for programming at their senior center with a focus on aiding the most vulnerable seniors as documented in a recent needs assessment; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Brockton council on aging for wellness nursing; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Chelmsford council on aging to meet the nutritional needs of elders; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Freetown for their local senior programming; provided further, that not less than $6,000 shall be expended to the East Bridgewater council on aging for a visiting dental hygienist; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for infrastructure improvements and maintenance at the Chicopee council on aging"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "29,522,592" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "30,533,592";

By inserting after section 60 the following section:

"SECTION 60A. Sections 131 and 226 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2012 are hereby repealed."; and

In section 80, in lines 675 and 676, by striking out the following: “may transfer not more than $15,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following: “shall transfer $230,000,000.”.

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 33.

After debate on the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 144 members voted in the affirmative and 12 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 33 in Supplement.]

[Mr. Hunt of Boston answered “Present” in response to his name.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (health and human services, and aging and independence) were adopted.

Recess.

Recess.

At twenty-two minutes after eight o’clock P.M. (Monday, April 28), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at eleven o’clock A.M.; and at that time, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Statement of Representative Uyterhoeven of Somerville.

A statement of Ms. Uyterhoeven of Somerville was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for a portion of today's sitting due to personal business outside of the State House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the negative on roll calls numbered 34 to 39, inclusive, and in the affirmative on roll call number 40. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated. Statement of Ms. Uyterhoeven of Somerville.

Communications.

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From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see section 1S(d) of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting a report to the Legislature: Student Opportunity Act Three-Year Evidence-Based Plans for fiscal year 2022; Student Opportunity Act.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see section 1S(d) of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting a report to the Legislature: Student Opportunity Act Three-Year Evidence-Based Plans for fiscal year 2021; and Id.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see section 1S(d) of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting a report to the Legislature: Student Opportunity Act Three-Year Evidence-Based Plans for fiscal year 2020; Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

Monthly reports

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for February, 2025; and Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections; Permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 215) of John J. Cronin for legislation updating the definition of physical therapy; Physical therapy.

Surgical assistants.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 248) of John F. Keenan and Paul W. Mark for legislation to license and regulate surgical assistants; and

Dietitians and nutritionists.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 253) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to modernize licensure of dietitians and nutritionists by creating a dietetics and nutrition board;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

General Appropriation Bill.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4000, amended), was considered.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House moved to amend the bill in section 2, in item 1233-2350, by striking out the figures: "1,308,713,668" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,318,713,668";

In section 2E by striking out item 1595-6153;

In section 3 by striking out the figure "$1,308,713,668" and inserting in place thereof the following figure "$1,318,713,668"; and

By adding the following 3 sections:

"SECTION 84. Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2023 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 85. There shall be a commission to study and develop recommendations for a fiscally constrained and sustainable alternative to the no cost calls initiative.

The commission shall include the secretary of the executive office of public safety and security, who shall serve as the chair, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on public safety, 1 member who shall be appointed by the house minority leader, 1 member who shall be appointed by the senate minority leader, 1 member who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house, 1 member who shall be appointed by the senate president, and 3 representatives from the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association.

The commission shall study, including, but not limited to, the fiscal challenges previously posed by the no cost calls program, the impact that providing unlimited calls to incarcerated individuals had on participation in state funded re-entry programs, and the operational challenges that the program had created for state prisons, and state and county correctional facilities.

The commission shall develop and recommend fiscally constrained alternatives to the no cost calls program that allows incarcerated individuals reasonable access to the ability to contact their friends and family, without posing impacts on the participation in re-entry programs or the operations of correctional facilities.

The commission shall submit its findings and recommendations to the joint committee on public safety and the clerks of the house and senate within 6 months of the passage of this act.

SECTION 86. Section 85 shall take effect immediately upon the passage of this act.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Smola of Warren; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

Amendments rejected,— yea and nay No. 34.

[See Yea and Nay No. 34 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Representatives Frost of Auburn and Pease of Westfield then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. The House of Representatives is hereby directed to request an Opinion of the Justices regarding the constitutionality of Chapter 40B of the General Laws.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 26 members voted in the affirmative and 130 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 35.

[See Yea and Nay No. 35 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 20R the following section:

Section 20S. (a) Any employee of the commonwealth, or a public instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, who holds police powers or the powers of a sheriff or deputy sheriff, including but not limited to municipal police officers, court officers, and state troopers, and who has lawful custody of a person may, upon receipt of (1) a written request from United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement requesting detention of such person on the grounds that there is probable cause that such person is a removable alien and (2) an administrative warrant for arrest or warrant of removal/deportation, detain such person for a reasonable period of time after such person would otherwise be released from custody in order to transfer custody of such person to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, provided that a supervisory officer of such employee's agency has, in accordance with a policy promulgated in accordance with subsection (c), first determined that there are specific facts indicating that the person to be detained poses a threat to public safety; and further provided that such person be provided with a copy of such written request; and further provided that in no circumstances shall such detention exceed 12 hours unless an appropriate judicial officer shall have made a probable cause determination under the procedure set forth in subsection (d).

(b) As used in subsection (a), 'specific facts indicating that the person to be detained poses a threat to public safety' shall mean that, at a minimum, any of the following facts are true with respect to such person:

(1) the person has engaged in or is suspected of terrorism or espionage, or otherwise poses a danger to national security;

(2) the person has been convicted of an offense of which an element was active participation in a criminal street gang, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 521(a);

(3) the person has been convicted of an offense classified as a felony, other than a state or local offense for which an essential element was the person's immigration status;

(4) the person has been convicted of an aggravated felony, as defined under 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(43); or

(5) the person has been convicted of a crime of (i) domestic violence; (ii) sexual abuse or exploitation; (iii) trafficking in persons in violation of sections 50 or 51 of chapter 265 or like violations of the law of another state, the United States or a military, territorial or Indian tribal authority; (iv) burglary; (v) unlawful possession or use of a firearm; (vi) drug distribution or trafficking; (vii) second or subsequent operating or driving under the influence; or (viii) any other offense for which the person has been sentenced to time in custody of 180 days or more.

(c) Each agency of the commonwealth or any public instrumentality or political subdivision of the commonwealth that chooses to allow its employees to exercise the authority granted by subsection (a) shall promulgate a written policy designating which supervisory officers may make the determination required by subsection (a) before a person is detained and the criteria such supervisory officer shall use in making such determination.

(d) A determination of probable cause for detention shall be made by an appropriate judicial officer and promptly reduced to writing. The appropriate judicial officer shall consider any information presented by the detaining agency, whether or not known at the time of initial detention. The detaining agency shall present the information under oath or affirmation or under the pains and penalties of perjury, and may present the information orally, in person or by any other means, or in writing. If presented in writing, the information may be transmitted to the appropriate judicial officer by facsimile transmission or by electronic mail or by such other electronic means as may be found acceptable by the court. The determination of probable cause for detention shall be an ex parte proceeding. The person detained shall have no right to appear, either in person or by counsel. If the judicial officer determines that there is not probable cause to believe the person detained is a removable alien, then the judicial officer shall order that the person be released forthwith. Such a determination and order shall be filed in the district court having jurisdiction over the location of the detention, together with all written information submitted by the detaining agency. Such documents shall be filed separately from the records of criminal cases, and shall be open for inspection by the public. If a determination under this subsection is necessary, the detaining agency shall present the information necessary to obtain such determination to the appropriate judicial officer as soon as reasonably possible after the detention begins, but no later than 12 hours after the detention begins.

(e) This section shall not be construed to give rise to a private right of action and shall not be construed so as to make unlawful any arrest in this commonwealth which would otherwise be lawful.”.

Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 36.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Frost of Auburn; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 131 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 36 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Representatives Lombardo of Billerica, Boldyga of Southwick and Pease of Westfield then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

“SECTION 84. Chapter 276 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2022 Official Addition is hereby amended by inserting after Section 103 the following section:-

Section 104. (a) Definitions. As used in this section the following words shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

‘ICE detainer’ means a valid request from Immigration and Customs Enforcement directing that an individual be held beyond the expiration of local custody solely for the purpose of initiating federal removal proceedings.

'Law Enforcement Agency' means an agency in this commonwealth charged with enforcement of state and federal laws, or with managing custody of detained persons in this commonwealth, and includes, but not limited to, Municipal Police, State Police, Campus Police, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Departments of Correction, and Sheriff's Departments. This also includes officials, representatives, agents, and employees of an agency as mentioned above.

'Official' means an agent, employee, member, or representative of a state governmental entity.

'Courts' means all Massachusetts Courts within the judicial branch of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as established by the Massachusetts Constitution and the Acts of the General Court.

'EOPSS' means the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

'287(g) Program' means Section 287(g) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 which was added to the Immigration and Nationality Act. This section authorized U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to delegate to state and local law enforcement officers the authority to perform specific immigration officer functions under the agency's direction and oversite.

(b) All Massachusetts Courts and Law Enforcement Agencies shall honor ICE detainers for individuals in their custody. The subject of the ICE detainer shall be held in custody for up to forty-eight hours to facilitate the transfer from state or municipal custody to federal custody.

(c) The Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall immediately provide the Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement access to the Registry of Motor Vehicles data for investigation purposes.

(d) The Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) shall maintain 287(g) Program agreements with Immigration and Customs and Customs Enforcement. At all times, no less than five percent of employees at the Department of Corrections shall be properly trained under the 287(g) Program.".

Point of order.

Ms. Peisch of Wellesley thereupon raised a point of order that the amendment offered by the gentleman from Billerica was improperly before the House for the reason that it would require certain state agencies to hold individuals with ICE detainers.

Since the House has already refused to authorize the holding of individuals of ICE detainers by certain state agencies, the amendment exceeds the refusal that the House previously voted against.

In answer to the point of order, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) stated that since the House has, in fact, already refused to require the holding of individuals with ICE detainers, the amendment exceeds the refusal that the House previous voted against.

Therefore the Chair ruled that the point of order was well taken; and the amendment was laid aside accordingly.

Mr. Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Subsection B of section 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as appearing in Section 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'program.', in line 9, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, the following words:

Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the emergency housing assistance program established herein shall be available only to residents of the Commonwealth who are citizens of the United States and have been a resident of Massachusetts for no less than six months.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 27 members voted in the affirmative and 129 in the negative. Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 37.

[See Yea and Nay No. 37 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Section 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in subsection (b), in line 18, after the words 'chapter 23A' the following:-

'; provided, however, that under no circumstances shall any city or town's eligibility for public safety related grant funding, including but not limited to the Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant program, be contingent upon that city or town's compliance with this section'.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 28 members voted in the affirmative and 128 in the negative. Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 38.

[See Yea and Nay No. 38 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

Mr. Sweezey of Duxbury and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Section 3A of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following subsection:

(d) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities or Attorney General's Office shall not enforce any regulation, directive, or requirement relative to this section prior to December 31, 2026.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 30 members voted in the affirmative and 126 in the negative. Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 39.

[See Yea and Nay No. 39 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 0330-0300, in line 20, by inserting after the word "employees" the following: "; provided, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to assist in programming efforts for the Justice Bridge Program at the University of Massachusetts School of Law"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "358,597,713" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "358,672,713"; Consolidated amendments (public safety, judiciary and housing).

In item 0337-0002 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than $394,495 shall be expended to CASA Project Worcester County for their court appointed special advocate program in Worcester county; provided further, that not less than $124,771 shall be expended to Friends of Children, Inc. for their court appointed special advocate program in Franklin and Hampshire counties; provided further, that not less than $165,138 shall be expended to Center for Human Development, Incorporated for their court appointed special advocate program in Hampden county; provided further, that not less than $153,211 shall be expended to Family Services of Merrimack Valley for their court appointed special advocate program in Essex county; provided further, that not less than $264,220 shall be expended to Boston CASA for their court appointed special advocate program in

Suffolk and Middlesex counties; provided further, that not less than $91,743 shall be expended to 18 Degrees, Inc. for their court appointed special advocate program in Berkshire county; provided further, that not less than $91,743 shall be expended to the Massachusetts CASA Association; and provided further, that not less than $114,679 shall be expended to The Advocacy Bridge, Inc. for their CARE advocate program in Bristol county"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "27,679,013" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "29,079,013";

In item 0339-1011, in line 18, by inserting after the word "design" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction Incorporated, in the city of New Bedford, for costs related to their PAACA Housing Support Fund"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "16,079,410" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "16,104,410";

In item 7004-0099, in line 58, by inserting after the word "homelessness" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Revitalize Community Development Corporation to support the growth of service to more low-income individuals in need and filling a gap in serving individuals at home to prevent the need for hospitalization; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Boston Housing Authority for improvements to exterior space at the Gallivan Boulevard Homes and to support community gardening and resident-driven food sustainability initiatives; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Maverick Landing Community Services, Inc. to provide information, education and assistance on housing rights and eviction and foreclosure issues, including completing and submitting housing assistance applications for tenants and small homeowners, through a housing support station in the East Boston community"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "15,573,388" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "15,873,388";

In item 7004-0101, in line 268, by inserting after the word "accommodation" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended for Horizons for Homeless Children, Inc."; and in said item by striking out the figures: "$275,271,903" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "275,621,903";

In item 7004-0102, in line 18, by inserting after the year: "2020" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the United Way of Pioneer Valley on behalf of the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness to facilitate regional coordination across Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties to prevent and end homelessness with a housing first approach that centers racial equity"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "115,752,398" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "115,827,398";

In item 7004-0104, in line 9, by inserting after the word "program" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Inc. for the purpose of promotion, resource development and technical assistance related to the creation of permanent supportive housing for persons with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness and other solutions to homelessness";

In item 7004-0107 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than $5,000 shall be expended for necessary repairs within the Hanson Housing Authority in the town of Hanson; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for necessary repairs within the Norwell Housing Authority in the town of Norwell; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the Friendly House, Inc. in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Quinsigamond Community Village Center in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the

Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. to support the Heal Lawrence program in providing critical emergency relocation assistance, comprehensive stabilization services and proactive community education for families displaced by fires and other residential emergencies in the city of Lawrence with services including short-term housing placement, referrals to community-based resources and outreach that fosters public awareness and resilience across impacted neighborhoods; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the city of Somerville for staffing and administration costs to continue their housing bridge pilot program to facilitate interim housing stability for individuals applying for a more affordable permanent housing situation; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to NBCAC (Northern Bristol County Assistance Collaborative) for costs associated with the construction of low-to-mid income housing dedicated to seniors; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Housing Families Homeless Children program in Malden; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. to support its mobile homeless outreach team in the cities of Everett, Malden and Medford; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Saving Towards Affordable and Sustainable Homeownership program administered by the Massachusetts Affordable Homeownership Alliance, Inc. to assist first-generation homebuyers in a regionally equitable manner to benefit communities throughout the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be made available to the Housing Assistance Corporation for the development of housing and project feasibility studies to expedite the creation of more year-round housing, and for technical assistance to homeowners who are building new accessory dwelling units for year-round rentals; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. for homelessness prevention services"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "775,000";

In item 7004-3036, in line 17, by inserting after the words "services" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Barnstable to support the development and operation of a municipal housing resource initiative to improve housing access for the local workforce; provided further, that said funds may be expended to provide financial support to first-time homebuyers employed in the city known as the town of Barnstable"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "5,200,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "5,350,000";

In item 7004-9005, in line 26, by inserting after the word "repairs" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Lexington housing authority to support utility repairs in Greeley Village"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "115,500,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "115,600,000";

In item 8000-0313 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to make critical upgrades to the public safety building in the town of Saugus; provided further, that not less than $12,126 shall be expended for the purchase of automated external defibrillators for police patrol cruisers in the town of Westborough; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the Dismas House of Massachusetts, Inc. in Worcester; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for police equipment, including rifles and shields, for the city of Melrose; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for training expenses for the Pembroke police and fire departments; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Wenham for the procurement

of a rescue boat to be used by the Wenham fire department; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the study of building out a regional dispatch center for public safety in Blackstone; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the acquisition of tactical and active response equipment for the police department in the town of Charlton; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in the town of Grafton; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in the town of Northbridge; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for public safety improvements in the town of Upton; provided further, that not less than $5,000 shall be expended to the town of Mansfield for the Mansfield police department for programs or systems to assist in tracking, finding or rescuing vulnerable people; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for necessary HVAC replacements to the public safety building in the town of Seekonk; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Milton's police department to increase access to clinician resources; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the town of Mansfield for a mobile blood transfusion program; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the payroll costs of the Boston police department for dedicated patrols of the Fairmount Housing Development in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended to the Northwestern Youth Fire Intervention Response, Education and Safety Partnership (NoFIRES) program to support fire safety education and intervention services for families in the region; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the payroll costs of the Boston police department for dedicated patrols of Uphams Corner, Bowdoin street, Geneva avenue, Grove Hall, Washington street (Four Corners), Old road, Blue Hill/Columbia in the Dorchester and Roxbury sections of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Braintree police department's family services unit in the city known as the town of Braintree; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for equipment for the city known as the town of Braintree's fire department; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Recidiviz Inc. to provide technology and data support to improve reentry outcomes; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for gun violence prevention community programming; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the police department in the town of Plymouth to purchase deployable traffic safety barriers for use during public events; provided further, that not less than $65,000 shall be expended to the town of Auburn for public safety communication equipment and programming of dispatch radio consoles; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Tyngsborough police department for lake Mascuppic marine patrols; provided further, that not less than $19,000 shall be expended for the equipment needs of the Bourne police department; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Boylston as compensation for hosting a municipal police training academy; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Boston police department area A-1 district for ADA-compliant barriers for events in the A-1 district; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Woburn police department for capital items; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Boston Main Streets Foundation to support the installation of security cameras in commercial districts located within the 5th Suffolk district and served by the Boston

main streets program, in coordination with local Main Streets organizations and public safety officials"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,511,126";

In item 8100-1001, in line 12, by inserting after the word "parkways" the following: "; provided, that not less than $1,200,000 shall be expended for the payroll costs of the state police directed patrols; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells Reservation park among other identified areas; provided further, that subject to appropriation communities receiving funds for directed patrols in fiscal year 2008 shall receive an equal disbursement of funds in proportion to the current appropriation in fiscal year 2024; provided further, that funds shall be expended for directed patrols at Constitution beach in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $95,000 shall be expended for additional patrols for the summer season at Wollaston beach and Furnace Brook parkway in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the payroll costs of the state police to perform directed patrols and traffic enforcement functions on the Harry Truman parkway, Neponset Valley parkway and Dedham parkway in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for directed patrols in the South Boston section of the city of Boston including, but not limited to, Day boulevard, Carson beach, M street beach, Marine park and Castle Island; and provided further, that not less than $95,000 shall be expended for designated seasonal state police patrols in the Wollaston Beach/Quincy Shore Drive area and Furnace Brook parkway of the city of Quincy from May 31 to September 1"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "403,696,893" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "405,066,893";

In item 8100-1004, in line 10, by inserting after the words "board" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for costs associated with forensic genetic genealogy DNA to be used to help solve violent crimes, identify unidentified human remains, process sexual assault evidence kits and support cold case investigations; provided further, that any third-party testing lab shall be vetted and approved by the Massachusetts state police crime lab"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "29,901,640" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "30,151,640";

In item 8324-0000, in line 43, by inserting after the word "program" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Holbrook Regional Emergency Communication Center; provided further, that not less than $1,700,000 shall be expended for the Boston fire department training academy to provide training and instruction for public safety agencies in the city of Boston and municipal and political subdivisions across the commonwealth"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "43,236,398" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "45,036,398";

In item 8324-0050 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than $58,000 shall be expended for the Wales fire department to replace self-contained breathing apparatuses; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for new trailers and bays for the fire department substation in the town of Holden; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be provided to the town of Boxford for the procurement of vehicle stabilizers and UTV for the Boxford fire department; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Norfolk for emergency medical services patient management and transport equipment; provided further, that not less than $5,500 shall be expended for medical and trauma

training for paramedics at the fire department in the town of Hanover; provided further, that not less than $55,000 shall be expended for the city of Quincy for a hazardous materials emergency response program; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Georgetown for the replacement of equipment in the Georgetown fire department; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Newbury for a new cardiac monitor and repairs at the Morgan avenue fire station; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Hamilton for an ambulance; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for training expenses for the Duxbury fire department; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for pediatric and cardiac screening for the Hanson fire department; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for rescue and water rescue training for the Hanson fire department and members of the Massachusetts helicopter aquatic rescue team (HART); provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Acton for firefighter turnout gear or other related expenses for the Acton fire department; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Acton for radio equipment for the Acton fire department; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to purchase a utility task vehicle for the Winchendon fire department; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for a municipal grant program administered by the fire marshal for firefighter cancer screenings including advance blood testing and imaging; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Fire Chiefs' Association of Plymouth County, Inc. to maintain and upgrade emergency communication systems, to provide for mass casualty and major operations incident planning and training and to enhance mutual aid operations in Plymouth county; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Randolph's fire department for purposes of a new emergency backup generator at the Randolph fire central station; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Everett for communications and equipment upgrades for the Everett fire department; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for necessary HVAC improvements to the Norton fire department in the town of Norton; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for body worn cameras for the Sharon police department; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended to the Belchertown fire department for the purchase and operation of a utility terrain vehicle; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Stow for the development of an installation of new firefighting water cisterns; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Sandwich fire department for the purchase of gear and equipment; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for design funds for the fire department project in the town of Weston; and provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Woburn fire department for capital items"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,163,500";

In item 8910-8900, in line 6, by inserting after the word "municipalities" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended for costs associated with Project Evolve at the Suffolk county jail in the city of Boston"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "1,800,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "3,300,000"; and

By inserting after section 29 the following 3 sections:

"SECTION 29A. Section 1 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 282, the words 'Gardner, Petersham, Hubbardston and Westminster' and inserting in place thereof the following words:

Ashburnham, Gardner, Hubbardston, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston, Templeton, Westminster and Winchendon.

SECTION 29B. Said section 1 of said chapter 218, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 307 and 308, the words 'The district court at Winchendon, held at Winchendon; Winchendon, Ashburnham, Phillipston, Royalston and Templeton'.".

SECTION 29C. Section 10 of said chapter 218, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

In the district court of East Norfolk, the clerk may designate 1 assistant clerk as an additional first assistant clerk for specialty courts. The salary of said assistant clerk shall be paid by the commonwealth in accordance with the job classification and pay plan established, subject to appropriation by the court administrator.".

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 40.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair) 154 members voted in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 40 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (public safety, judiciary and housing) were adopted.

Recess.

At a quarter after two o'clock P.M. (Tuesday, April 29), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at one minute after four o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Representatives Boldyga of Southwick and Cabral of New Bedford moved to amend it by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary

Section 1. Definitions

For the purposes of this act: (a) 'Food product' shall mean any food, beverage, confectionery, condiment, or dietary supplement intended for human consumption, as defined under MGL Chapter 94, Section 1. (b) "School nutrition program" shall mean any meal, snack, or beverage program administered by a public school, charter school, or school district under MGL Chapter 69, Section 1C, including programs funded by the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program. (c) 'Synthetic food dye' shall mean any artificial color additive derived from petroleum or other synthetic sources, as listed in 21 C.F.R. Part 74. (d) "Preservative" shall mean any chemical additive used to extend the shelf life of a food product, including butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) or propylparaben.

Section 2. Prohibition of Certain Food Additives in School Nutrition Programs

(a) No food product served, sold, or distributed as part of a school nutrition program in the Commonwealth shall contain any of the following synthetic food dyes: (1) Red Dye No. 3 (Erythrosine); (2) Red Dye No. 40 (Allura Red AC); (3) Yellow Dye No. 5 (Tartrazine); (4) Yellow Dye No. 6 (Sunset Yellow FCF); (5) Blue Dye No. 1 (Brilliant Blue FCF); (6) Blue Dye No. 2 (Indigotine); (7) Green Dye No. 3 (Fast Green FCF). (b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall take effect August 1, 2026. (c) The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall promulgate regulations to ensure compliance, including guidelines for food procurement and vendor contracts. (d) School districts and food service providers shall maintain records demonstrating compliance, subject to inspection by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Section 3. Prohibition of Certain Food Additives in Food Products

(a) No person, corporation, or entity shall manufacture for sale, offer for sale, or distribute within the Commonwealth any food product containing the following additives: (1) Red Dye No. 3 (Erythrosine); (2) Red Dye No. 40 (Allura Red AC); (3) Yellow Dye No. 5 (Tartrazine); (4) Yellow Dye No. 6 (Sunset Yellow FCF); (5) Blue Dye No. 1 (Brilliant Blue FCF); (6) Blue Dye No. 2 (Indigotine); (7) Green Dye No. 3 (Fast Green FCF); (8) Butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA); (9) Propylparaben. (b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall take effect January 1, 2029. (c) This section shall apply to all food products, including those sold in retail establishments, restaurants, and over-the-counter drugs containing food additives, as defined under MGL Chapter 94, Section 186. (d) The Department of Public Health shall promulgate regulations to enforce this section, including testing protocols, labeling requirements, and exemptions for products in interstate commerce compliant with federal law.

Section 4. Enforcement and Penalties

(a) The Department of Public Health shall enforce Section 4, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall enforce Section 3, with authority to conduct inspections and issue guidance. (b) Violations of Section 3 or Section 4 shall be subject to: (1) A civil penalty not exceeding $500 for a first offense; (2) A civil penalty not exceeding $1,000 for a second or subsequent offense; (3) Injunctions or other equitable relief as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. (c) Willful violations involving the sale or distribution of prohibited food products with intent to deceive consumers may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor under MGL Chapter 94, Section 187, subject to a fine not exceeding $500 or imprisonment not exceeding 3 months, or both. (d) The Department of Public Health and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education may issue warnings and provide technical assistance to facilitate compliance before imposing penalties.

Section 5. Reporting

(a) The Department of Public Health and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall jointly submit an annual report to the Joint Committee on Public Health and the Joint Committee on Education, detailing: (1) Compliance rates among school nutrition programs and food vendors; (2) Economic impacts, including effects on food prices and availability; (3) Public health outcomes related to the prohibition of specified additives; (4) Recommendations for further legislative or regulatory action. (b) The first report shall be submitted no later than December 31, 2027, and annually thereafter.

Section 6. Severability

If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Section 7. Effective Date

This act shall take effect upon its passage, with specific prohibitions effective as provided in Sections 3 and 4.”.

The amendment was rejected.

Consolidated amendments (public health, mental health and disability).

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 4125-0100, by adding the following: “; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to New England Homes for the Deaf, Inc. to provide services to residents and train all staff in American sign language”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “10,616,666” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “10,716,666”;

In item 4510-0100 by adding the following: "; and provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended to support operations and hygiene product acquisition for Hope and Comfort, Inc."; and in said item by striking out the figures: "38,263,168" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "38,613,168";

In item 4510-0110, in line 5, by inserting after the following: "254c(f)(1)" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Lowell Community Health Center, Inc.'s residency program for primary care doctors in the city of Lowell to be used for housing stipends for residents; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Harbor Health Services, Inc. for the planned expansion of its Plymouth Community Health Center; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Mattapan Community Health Center, Inc. to support staff retention and recruitment for physicians and dentists to ensure the delivery of patient-centered care in Mattapan, Dorchester, Roxbury and surrounding neighborhoods in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Codman Square Health Center, Inc. to support the purchase and operation of a mobile health unit to provide primary care, behavioral health, maternal health and substance use disorder treatment in underserved neighborhoods of Dorchester and surrounding areas in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for NEW Health - Charlestown for the purpose of operating and maintaining treatment of substance use disorder; provided further, that not less than $400,000 shall be expended to the North End Waterfront neighborhood health center provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for infrastructure and operational upgrades related to expanding access to dental care and primary care services at Geiger Gibson Community Health Center in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to the High Point Treatment Center for the purpose of providing outpatient substance use disorder and mental health services, and programs aiding in men's mental health care; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts to support the 413Cares centralized database of community services in western Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Lynn Community Health Center for the operation of the recuperative care center; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the continuation of a comprehensive substance abuse and narcotic use reduction program at a federally qualified health center located in South Boston", in lines 6 to 9, inclusive, by striking out the following: "and provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for the establishment of a Massachusetts gender affirming care access program to provide support to federally qualified health centers specializing in gender affirming care" and inserting in place thereof the following: "and provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be transferred from this item to the Affirming Health Care Trust Fund established in section 2K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, inserted by section 22 1/2 of this act"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "10,398,660" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "11,838,660";

In item 4512-0200, in line 67, by inserting after the word "payer" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the South Shore Peer Recovery Center to run programs dedicated to creating a safe and supportive space for individuals and families affected by substance use disorders, including but not limited to peer support groups, recovery coaching, family education and community outreach services; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Community Servings, Inc. for the purposes of providing medically tailored meals to persons battling chronic illnesses and workforce training programs

to those recovering from addiction; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project, Inc., for resources, community outreach and programs in the Merrimack Valley; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the police department in the city of Lynn for its behavioral health unit; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Newmarket Business Association, Inc. to support the hiring of a strategy and planning project manager for the Recover Boston program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Boston Bulldogs Running Club to support their mission of providing a safe community for those affected by drug and alcohol addiction; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the operation of Gavin Foundation Inc.'s behavioral health continuum of substance use care to provide comprehensive treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other behavioral health challenges; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Joseph Nee Collaborative Center for substance use disorder programming"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "194,452,031" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "194,987,031";

In item 4512-0205 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Baystate Health Eastern Region for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioid and related substances; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to support the Bartlett house at Housing Support, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended to Self Esteem Boston for direct service and provider training programs; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for office-based addiction and opioid treatment, a program of the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of Resources for Recovery Inc., formerly known as the Dennis Messing Memorial Foundation located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Braintree for Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Use; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for One Life at a Time, Inc., located in the city known as the town of Braintree, for the facilitation of access to sober living programs and job training services for people in recovery and associated operational costs; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for RIZE Massachusetts Foundation, Inc. to assist in their work to end the opioid epidemic in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Harbor Health Services for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioid and related substances; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for continued capital improvements to the Cambridge community center and for the expansion of their community-based behavioral health program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "2,985,000";

In item 4512-2022, in line 5, by inserting after the word "distribution" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Abington public health department"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "9,232,015" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "9,262,015";

In item 4513-1005, in line 12, by inserting after the word "federally" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $1,660,000 shall be allocated to Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. to continue services previously funded by Title X funding";

In item 4513-1020, in lines 38 through 71, inclusive by striking out the text contained in those lines;

In item 4513-1027 by adding the following: "; provided further, that funds shall be used for suicide prevention services, including, but not limited to, the operation and expansion of Hey Sam, the text-based mental health support line tailored specifically to youth and young adults in the commonwealth, and youth mental health community education, outreach and communications; and provided further, that not less than $400,000 shall be expended for the expansion and operation of Hey Sam, the text-based mental health support line tailored specifically to youth and young adults in the commonwealth, and youth mental health community education, outreach and communications"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "400,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "800,000";

In item 4513-1098, in line 7, by inserting after the word "violence" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Survivors Say, Inc. for direct support services to survivors and victims of both high-profile tragedies and other traumas and crimes"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "500,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "600,000";

In item 4513-1112, in line 5, by striking out the word "funds" and inserting in place thereof the following figures: "$4,297,295", and in line 23, by inserting after the word "funds" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $475,000 shall be expended for the Forsyth Institute's center for children's oral health to expand its Forsyth kids programming focused on children and adolescents and to explore the emerging association between oral health status and academic performance; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the cranberry health research center at the university of Massachusetts – Dartmouth; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of VITfriends located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the ALS Association to provide care services for individuals suffering with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Duchenne program at the University of Massachusetts medical school to advance clinical care, research and innovation for patients with complex disorders affecting the human nervous system"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "12,457,534" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "13,557,534";

In item 4513-1136 by inserting after the following: "25,000 or less" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to the Berkshire Dream Center for Hope House; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Portal to Hope Corp. for a community-based domestic violence program that includes a teens-at-risk project for the communities of Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford and Winthrop; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Cape Verdean Association for domestic violence outreach in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Katie Brown Educational Program for a pilot instructional initiative, the train the trainer program, to train educators and increase the number of southeastern Massachusetts students who acquire invaluable knowledge about the prevention of relationship violence"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "74,786,841" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "75,061,841";

In item 4590-0250, in line 18, by inserting after the word "programs" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for the North Quabbin Community Coalition, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to Lunenburg public schools to create enhancements and supplement existing guidance counseling, mental health and special education

delivery"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "22,123,088" and inserting in place thereof the following figures: "22,193,088";

In item 4590-1503, in line 7, by inserting after the word "program" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Junie's Place, Inc. to provide comprehensive, no-cost grief support services to families enduring the profound loss of a child, infant or pregnancy or experiencing a stillbirth"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "13,149,400" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "13,174,400";

In item 4590-1507 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended to the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Methuen Youth Basketball Association, Inc. to enhance youth mentorship initiatives, develop robust sports programming and strengthen violence prevention efforts aimed at promoting teamwork, personal development and community engagement among Methuen youth; provided further, that said programming shall prioritize underserved youth and promote life skills that support academic success and leadership; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Sueños Basketball, Inc. to support the recreational, social and health benefits the league provides to low-income youth in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Day Dreaming Organization Inc to support baseball programming and youth mentoring in the city of Lawrence; provided further, that not less than $1,500,000 shall be expended to the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs, Inc. that shall be distributed between the alliance's member organizations to support educational programming for youth; provided further, that the department shall award not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the Boys and Girls Clubs of MetroWest, Inc. for window replacement; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for upgrades to a pedestrian crossing at the Milford youth center and other renovations or improvements; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Awake Youth Violence Prevention; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Black Springfield COVID-19 Coalition; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Parent Villages, Inc. youth outreach center; provided further, that not less than $450,000 shall be expended to the Big Brother Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to The Possible Zone to implement an innovative pathways program in clean energy and advanced manufacturing for high schoolers in grades 10 through 12 across the city of Boston creating equitable opportunities for underserved student populations; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Mildred C. Hailey development and youth center for staffing, operations, programming, resources, stipends, supplies and events that support youth and young adult residents of the Mildred C. Hailey development; provided further, that not less than $600,000 shall be expended to the YWCA organizations, which shall be distributed equally between the Alliance of YWCAs member organizations; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western Massachusetts Inc. to support programs and services provided in Berkshire, Franklin and Hampden counties; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to assist in programming efforts for the Southcoast LGBTQ Network, Inc. in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Friends and Mentors, Inc. for costs associated with their at-risk youth mentoring programming in the city of Brockton; and provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Randolph for purposes of continued funding for the

town's enhanced social services program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "7,081,500" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "12,651,500";

In item 5042-5000, in line 38, by inserting after the word "location" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services in the town of Shrewsbury to provide mental health services in the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Boston Community Pediatrics to support the Integrated Behavioral Health program; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to The Nan Project to increase mental health awareness and suicide prevention; provided further, that department case manager staffing levels shall not be reduced below fiscal year 2025 case manager staffing levels"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "128,586,476" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "128,986,476";

In item 5046-0000, in line 15, by inserting after the year: "2025" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Malden police department to support mental health emergency crisis response in Malden, including, but not limited to, funding for a mental health clinician, trainings for officers in de-escalation, negotiation, integrating communications, assessment, and tactics (ICAT) and other non-lethal response techniques and additional resources; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for a grant to the Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc. to provide assistance in connecting consumers to licensed clinical social workers through the Therapy Matcher program; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the behavioral health unit for the Dracut-Tyngsborough-Tewksbury-Chelmsford-Billerica police departments to support mental health emergency crisis response in these 5 communities, including, but not limited to, funding for a mental health clinician, trainings for officers in de-escalation, negotiation, integrating communications, assessment, and tactics (ICAT) and other non-lethal response techniques and additional resources; provided further, that department case manager staffing levels shall not be reduced below fiscal year 2025 case manager staffing levels"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "661,933,895" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "664,608,895";

In item 5095-0015, in line 14, by inserting after the word "facility" the following: "provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to improve the mental health rooms at the Cape Cod and Islands community health center in Pocasset"; and in said item by striking out the figures "376,149,057" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "376,199,057";

In item 5911-1003, in line 18, by inserting after the word "transfer" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for Operation House Call at the Arc of Massachusetts to maintain and expand training to medical students and other graduate level health care professionals to work with individuals with autism and other developmental and intellectual disabilities; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for Latham Centers, Inc. to address urgent technology upgrades to security, programs and support services for children and adult residents with complex disabilities; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the city of Everett for the increase of accessibility to services for neurodivergent residents and their families; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Community Teamwork Inc. for the purpose of operating programs promoting children's behavioral health and educational success"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "105,945,417" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "106,370,417";

In item 5911-2000, in line 3, by inserting after the word "need" the following: "; and provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the town of Great Barrington for south county connector to support microtransit services in Berkshire county"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "47,172,062" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "47,192,062";

In item 5920-3000 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Friendship Home, Inc. to provide programming for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, including, but not limited to, quality respite care, social and recreational programs and family support services in a safe and caring environment"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "123,925,257" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "123,950,257";

By inserting after section 22 the following section:

"SECTION 22½. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2J the following section:

Section 2K. (a) As used in this section, the term 'gender-affirming health care services' shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, mean all supplies, care and services of a medical, behavioral health, mental health, surgical, psychiatric, therapeutic, diagnostic, preventative, rehabilitative or supportive nature relating to the treatment of gender dysphoria.

(b) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth an expendable trust account known as the Affirming Health Care Trust Fund. The fund shall be administered by the commissioner. The fund shall be credited with: (i) appropriations or other money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public or private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants, donations, rebates and settlements; (iii) interest earned on amounts in the fund; and (iv) any funds provided from other sources.

(c) Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, without further appropriation, for gender-affirming health care services, including at institutions over which the commissioner has supervision and control pursuant to section 69E; provided, that the commissioner may also expend money in the fund to cover costs of medical malpractice liability and general liability insurance for health care providers involved in the provision of gender-affirming health care services and to support research relating to LGBTQ+ health promotion and gender-affirming health care services. The unexpended balance in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure from the fund shall cause the fund to be in a deficit at any point.

(d) Annually, not later than October 1, the department shall report to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing on the fund's activity. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) money received by the fund; (ii) anticipated amounts to be deposited into the fund for the forthcoming fiscal year; (iii) projections for expenditures in the forthcoming fiscal year; (iv) details of all expenditures from the fund; and (v) results from any research efforts supported by the fund.";

By inserting after section 67A (inserted by amendment) the following section:

"SECTION 67B. (a) There shall be established a special legislative commission, pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws, to conduct a comprehensive investigation and study into the future of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, as designated in chapter 87 of the acts of 2016, formerly known as the Massachusetts hospital school. The investigation and study shall include, but shall not

be limited to, a review of the hospital's finances, programs, pediatric services and infrastructure.

(b) The special legislative commission shall be comprised of: the chairs of the joint committee on public health, who shall serve as co-chairs; 1 member appointed by the president of the senate; 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; the commissioner of the department of public health, or their designee; the commissioner of the department of elementary and secondary education, or their designee; the commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, or their designee; and 6 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be recommended by the select board of the town of Canton, 1 of whom shall be the parent of a current patient at the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Nurses Association currently employed at the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Service Employees International Union currently employed at the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, 1 of whom shall be a pediatrician licensed to practice medicine in the commonwealth and 1 of whom shall be a person with experience in health care finance and management.

(c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, services provided to patients of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children shall not be reduced or eliminated, nor shall the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children be closed or consolidated with any other facility until the completion of the report pursuant to subsection (d).

(d) The special legislative commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, if any, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not later than December 31, 2026.".

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 41.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 134 members voted in the affirmative and 21 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 41 in Supplement.]

[Mr. Hunt of Boston answered "Present" in response to his name.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (public health, mental health and disability) were adopted.

Recess.

At twenty-eight minutes before five o'clock P.M. (Tuesday, April 29), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at fifteen minutes before eight o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Representatives Lombardo of Billerica, Pease of Westfield and Boldyga of Southwick then moved to amend it by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Section 76 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

(a) Each voter desiring to vote at a polling place shall give his name and, if requested, his residence to one of the officers at the entrance to the space within the guard rail, who shall thereupon distinctly announce the same. If such name is found on the voting list, the election officer shall check and repeat the name valid State or Federal photo identification prior to receiving a ballot. The officer shall verify the voter's identification matches the name and residence with the voting list. If verified, the officer and shall admit the voter to the space enclosed by the guard rail and, in case official ballots, other than those marked 'Challenged Ballots' as provided by section thirty-five A, are used, such voter shall be given one ballot. The use of

electronic means such as tape recording equipment or radio broadcasting equipment for the recording or broadcasting of the names of voters not yet checked as having voted shall be prohibited.

(b) A valid government-issued photo identification shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) A Massachusetts driver's license or state identification card issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles;

(ii) A United States passport;

(iii) A United States military identification card;

(iv) A Massachusetts-issued firearm identification card;

(v) Any other federal or state government-issued identification card that includes a photograph of the voter.

(c) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall implement a program to provide, at no cost, a Massachusetts photo identification card for voting purposes to any registered voter who does not possess a valid form of photo identification and who signs an affidavit affirming such.

(d) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall develop and distribute information to the public regarding the requirements of this section, and shall provide training and guidance to election officials to ensure uniform implementation of the law.

(e) This section shall take effect on January 1, 2026.".

Quorum.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, Mr. Hunt of Boston asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was in attendance. A count showed that 81 members were in attendance.

Therefore a quorum was present.

Amendment rejected,— yea and nay No. 42.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Lombardo of Billerica; and on the roll call 25 members voted in the affirmative and 131 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 42 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Consolidated amendments (constitutional officers and state administration and transportation).

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 0511-0200, in line 5, by striking out the words "and provided further" and inserting in place thereof the words "provided further", by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the National Lancers for the acquisition of a tractor needed to maintain fields they manage for the commonwealth; and provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the Haverhill Veteran Alliance to support Haverhill veterans"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "879,130" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "914,130";

In item 0526-0100 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Black History in Action for Cambridgeport, Inc in the city of Cambridge"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "1,153,624" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,228,624";

In item 0640-0300, in line 11, by inserting after the word "unit" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for ADA accessibility upgrades at the Albion Cultural Exchange in the town of Wakefield; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Springfield Symphony Orchestra to support diverse concert performances, increased outreach and youth education opportunities as well as deferred maintenance, staffing and concert support materials to enhance community engagement and reach underserved and economically challenged students; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall

be expended for South Shore Art Center, Inc. to build institutional capacity to broaden community impact; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the artists community assistance program to be administered by the Allston Village Main Streets of Boston; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the Special Needs Arts Programs Inc. of Lexington to support a part-time assistant music director and develop recorded classes to be used in group homes and day programs; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Children's Museum of Franklin; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Franklin Performing Arts Company, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Three Saints, Inc., in the city of Lawrence to support community services and promote Italian heritage; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for East Somerville Main Streets in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the historic Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Boston Ballet; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the Woods Hole Film Festival for operations and programming; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Cogswell ArtSpace in Haverhill to complete the installation of fire-rated walls required by code; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for The Frederick Douglass Neighborhood Association for community programming in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the African American Association of Brockton for community programming in the city of Brockton"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "26,045,152" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "26,775,152";

In item 0810-1205 by adding the following: "; and provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the SAFE Coalition Incorporated to provide support, education, treatment options and coping mechanisms for those affected by substance use disorder in the city known as the town of Franklin"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "2,738,897" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "2,838,897";

In item 0930-0100, in line 6, by inserting after the word "resources" the following: "provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the university of Massachusetts memorial medical center for a hospital-based comprehensive child protection program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "4,084,063" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "4,334,063";

In item 1599-0026 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for repair, maintenance and improvements to the sewer system in the town of Swansea; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the town of Rutland to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing or joining a regional fire district; provided further, that not less than $90,000 shall be expended for the creation of John J. Lightizer Memorial park in the town of Norwood; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Norwood high school to retrofit its decommissioned ambulance to create an ambulance simulator to provide emergency medical services training and education; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Friends of Reggie Wong park; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Groveland for a comprehensive market analysis and feasibility study for 46 Washington street; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Rowley for a stormwater runoff collection and abatement system at the town landing to address significant erosion into the Rowley river required for the town to comply with state and federal stormwater regulations; provided further, that not less than $25,000

shall be expended for the Oakham town hall feasibility study; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Brookfield town hall improvements; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for paving and repairing the town of Norton's police station parking lot; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. North End; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Ipswich to research and design wastewater treatment plant infrastructure improvements to meet federal compliance standards for the essential clamming and shell fishing industry; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the town of Townsend for the completion of the fitness court project; provided further, that not less than $8,000 shall be expended for the Spencer historical records preservations; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for an engineering study, remediation plan and improvements to the town of Foxborough's drainage system; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended for the town of Essex for a study relative to bridges in the town; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for the town of Rockport for a sewer pump station alarm/monitoring system; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to Linden park in the city of Malden, including, but not limited to, design, engineering and construction; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Malden for flood mitigation and storm water infrastructure improvements including, but not limited to, the cleaning and maintenance of the Town Line brook and Linden brook culverts; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to Pittsfield old town hall; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a police cruiser for the city of Melrose; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the town of Danvers for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for repair and maintenance, including asbestos removal, of historic structures in Douglas; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for upgrades and improvements to public works equipment such as purchasing and repairing equipment including, but not limited to, a front-end loader or backhoe in Millville; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for repairs and upgrades to the police department, senior center and town hall in the town of Dudley; provided further, that not less than $5,000 shall be expended for the South Attleboro Lions for wheelchair ramp parts to assist veterans and others in need; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to redesign the Tufts park playground in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for rehabilitation of the women veterans park in the city of Marlborough; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the city of Framingham for the construction of ADA-compliant customer service counters in the Framingham memorial building; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Ayer for costs related to a new senior center; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to install 2 rectangular rapid flashing beacons at uncontrolled, marked crosswalks to accompany a pedestrian warning sign in Newton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the town of Marblehead for repairs to the irrigation system and deteriorating structures at Marblehead cemeteries; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Bay Village Neighborhood Association, Inc; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Pembroke for improvements at the Pembroke public library; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Westborough, for repairing or replacing the Piccadilly Brook bridge, securing and restoring the affected part of

Piccadilly brook as it enters into the Sandra Birch reservoir, restoring affected recreational areas and other costs pertaining thereto; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Southborough, in support of purchasing and upgrading equipment required to host hybrid meetings; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Rehoboth for the remediation, testing and supplies for water systems contaminated by per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances, as well as the installation and maintenance of filtration systems in residents' homes; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Walpole for a front line department of public works truck; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of Barnstable for the downtown Hyannis pedestrian improvements projects including the great streets project and the installation of a new traffic signal at the Barnstable high school entrance on West Main street; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Boston Chinatown Post 328 Association; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the city of Gloucester for improvements to wireless public safety; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to develop a water plan in the pioneer valley to identify water sources and assess capacity of aquifers, public water system infrastructure and private wells communications; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Belchertown Little League, Inc. for field renovations; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the city of Greenfield for maintenance vehicle upgrades; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Shelburne for playground improvements; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoneham to provide assistance and services to seniors; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Peabody for efforts to acquire and integrate a new public water supply; and provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Alewife Neighbors, Inc. for independent asbestos monitoring"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "6,899,999" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "9,612,999";

In item 1410-0400 by striking out the following: "8892 in the town of Stoughton" (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the following: "8892 in the town of Avon";

In item 4800-0038, in line 16, by inserting after the year: "2013" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Jewish Family and Children's Service, Inc.'s Center for Early Relationship Support including for the Fragile Beginnings program, Project Newborns exposed to substances: support and therapy and related clinical and community services for vulnerable families with children from birth to age 5; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended to Italian Home for Children, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Julie's Family Learning Program, Inc. for programming and services to help women break the cycle of poverty";

In item 7000-9401, in line 16, by inserting after the word "commonwealth" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Worcester public library to provide funding and support staff for the library in every classroom project"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "19,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "19,075,000";

In item 7004-0104 by striking out the figures: "8,390,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "8,890,000";

In section 2E, in item 1595-6368, in line 16, by striking out the words "and provided further" and inserting in place thereof the following: "provided further", by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the continuation of a pedestrian safety program in the Brighton business district of the city of Boston to be administered by Brighton Main Streets, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the senior taxi program in the city of Somerville; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the construction of a 6 foot tall privacy fence bordering the perimeter of the Oak Ledge Heights manufactured housing community at 161 Newbury street in the city of Peabody; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for The Longwood Collective, Inc. to conduct a study analyzing the impact of streetscape changes on emergency vehicle usage and impacts on emergency response efficiency and public transit reliability within and surrounding the Longwood medical and academic area; and provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for maintenance and improvements to the land along route 16 between Seagrave road and Columbus avenue in the city of Cambridge"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "577,620,163" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "577,845,163";

In item 1595-6369, in line 18, by inserting after the word "services" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $1,300,000 of said funds shall be expended for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to operate a demonstration of ferry service between Lewis wharf mall in the East Boston section of the city of Boston, Long wharf in the North End section of the city of Boston and a new stop to be created in the Seaport section of the city of Boston; provided further, that said ferry service shall run from April 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025, inclusive, and then run service again from April 1, 2026 until November 30, 2026, inclusive; provided further, that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall conduct a capital assessment of expanded hours of operation and additional ferry stops within the inner Boston harbor, including, but not limited to, Liberty plaza in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority shall report on the number of passengers who utilize said service to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than January 31, 2026";

By inserting after section 13 the following section:

"SECTION 13A. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 2JJJJJJ, inserted by section 7 of chapter 248 of the acts of 2024, the following section:

Section 2KKKKKK. (a) There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Massachusetts Secure Choice Savings Fund which shall be administered by the state treasurer. The fund shall be credited with: (i) money from the payment of fees, penalties and other payments due to the Massachusetts secure choice savings program established in section 64H; (ii) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund and any funds appropriated by the federal or local governments; (iii) private contributions and publicly or privately-funded grants; and (iv) any interest earned on the assets of the fund. Monies in the fund that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year. Section 38 shall not apply to any investment of the fund.

(b) The fund shall cover all expenses associated with the administration of the Massachusetts secure choice savings program not otherwise covered by the program, including, but not limited to, expenses related to program compliance and oversight responsibilities.

(c) The Massachusetts secure choice savings board, as established in section 64G, shall establish guidelines regarding administration of the fund.";

By inserting after section 16 the following 3 sections:—

SECTION 16A. Section 64E of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the figure "20" and inserting in place thereof the following figure: 100.

SECTION 16B. Said section 64E of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:

(g) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the treasurer, or a designee, may seek to reduce operating expenses for the plan through private donation or grants, including, but not limited to, direct and indirect fundraising.

SECTION 16C. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 64E the following 5 sections:

Section 64F. For the purposes of this section and sections 64G through 64J, inclusive, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Board", the Massachusetts secure choice savings board established pursuant to section 64G.

"Code", as defined in section 1 of chapter 62.

"Commissioner", the commissioner of revenue.

"Department", the department of revenue.

"Employee", any individual who: (i) is 18 years of age or older; (ii) is employed by an employer; and (iii) has wages that are allocable to the commonwealth during a calendar year under chapter 62.

"Employer", a person or entity engaged in a business, industry, profession, trade or other enterprise in the commonwealth, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, that has: (i) at no time during the previous calendar year employed fewer than 25 employees in the commonwealth; (ii) been in business not less than 2 years; and (iii) not offered a qualified retirement plan, including, but not limited to, a plan qualified under sections 401(a), 401(k), 403(a), 403(b), 408(k), 408(p) or 457(b) of the Code in the preceding 2 calendar years.

"Enrollee", any employee or former employee who is enrolled in the program.

"Fund", the Massachusetts Secure Choice Savings Fund, established pursuant to section 2KKKKKK.

"IRA", an individual retirement account that is either a: (i) Roth IRA, under section 408A of the Code; or (ii) individual retirement account under section 408 of the Code.

"Participating employer", an employer that provides a payroll deposit retirement savings arrangement as provided for by section 64I for its employees who are enrolled in the program.

"Payroll deposit retirement savings arrangement", an arrangement by which a participating employer allows enrollees to remit payroll deduction contributions to the program.

"Program", the Massachusetts secure choice savings program, established pursuant to section 64H.

"Wages", any compensation within the meaning of section 219(f)(1) of the Code that is received by an enrollee from a participating employer during the calendar year.

Section 64G. (a)(1) There is hereby established the Massachusetts secure choice savings board. The board shall consist of the following 5 members: the state treasurer or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the comptroller or a designee; the secretary of the commonwealth or a designee; a public representative with expertise in retirement

savings plan administration or investment, or both, who is representative of participating employees, appointed by the governor; and a public representative with expertise in retirement savings plan administration or investment, or both, who is representative of participating employers, appointed by the state treasurer.

(2) Each member shall be appointed for a term of 4 years; provided, however, that the public representative of employers shall be appointed initially for a term of 3 years; and provided further, that all members shall be eligible for reappointment. A vacancy in the term of an appointed board member shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

(3) The board may appoint or engage agents. The board, the individual members of the board, any other agents appointed or engaged by the board and all persons serving as program staff shall discharge their duties with respect to the program solely in the interest of the program's enrollees and beneficiaries.

(b) The board shall be responsible for ongoing fiduciary administrative oversight of the program for the purpose of promoting greater retirement savings for private-sector employees in a convenient, low-cost and portable manner, pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of section 64H.

(c) The board shall report annually to the state treasurer, governor, comptroller, secretary of the commonwealth and the house and senate committees on ways and means. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) an audited financial report, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; (ii) a summary of the benefits provided by the program, including the number of enrollees; and (iii) the percentage and amounts of investment options and rates of return.

(d) All agencies of the commonwealth shall cooperate as requested by the board in the performance of their duties under this section, including, unless otherwise prohibited, the sharing of relevant data as the parties shall mutually agree.

Section 64H. (a) There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer the Massachusetts secure choice savings program, subject to appropriation. The program shall be developed and administered by the state treasurer with ongoing fiduciary administrative oversight provided by the board for the purpose of promoting greater retirement savings for private-sector employees in a convenient, low-cost and portable manner.

(b)(1) The state treasurer shall design, establish and operate the program in a manner that: (i) accords with best practices for retirement savings vehicles; (ii) maximizes participation, savings and sound investment practices; (iii) maximizes simplicity, including ease of administration for participating employers and enrollees; (iv) provides an efficient product to enrollees by pooling investment funds; and (v) ensures the portability of benefits.

(2) The state treasurer and the department shall maintain, on their websites, information for employers on the requirements of the program and information on retirement plans an employer may offer as an alternative to the program, including, but not limited to, a defined benefit plan, 401(k) plan, a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plan or a Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees (SIMPLE) plan.

(c) The state treasurer shall request, in writing, an opinion or ruling from the appropriate entity with jurisdiction over the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act regarding the applicability of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act to the program. The state treasurer shall not implement the program if the IRA arrangements offered under the program fail to qualify for the favorable federal income tax treatment ordinarily accorded to IRAs under the Code or if it is

determined that the program is an employee benefit plan and state or employer liability is established under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

(d) The state treasurer shall prepare a written statement of investment policy that includes a risk management and oversight program for consideration and adoption by the board.

(e) The state treasurer may contract with practitioners, administrators, investment managers and other entities to design, administer and provide investment options under the program. Any practitioner, administrator, investment manager or other entity with which the state treasurer contracts shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations and all rules, policies and guidelines promulgated by the board with respect to the program and the investment of the fund, including, but not limited to, the investment policy. Any practitioner, administrator, investment manager or other entity with which the state treasurer contracts shall provide such reports as the board deems necessary to assess performance.

(f) The state treasurer shall assess the feasibility of multistate or regional agreements to administer the program through shared administrative and operational resources and may enter into those agreements if deemed beneficial to the program.

(g)(1) The commonwealth, the board, each member of the board or other commonwealth official, other commonwealth boards, commissions or agencies, or any member, officer or employee thereof, and the program: (i) shall have no responsibility for compliance by individuals with the conditions and other provisions of the Code that determine which individuals are eligible to make tax-favored contributions to IRAs, in what amount and in what time frame and manner; (ii) shall have no duty, responsibility or liability to any party for the payment of any benefits under the program, regardless of whether sufficient funds are available under the program to pay such benefits; (iii) do not and shall not guarantee any interest rate or other rate of return on or investment performance of any contribution or account balance; and (iv) are not and shall not be liable or responsible for any loss, deficiency, failure to realize any gain or any other adverse consequences, including, but not limited to, any adverse tax consequences or loss of favorable tax treatment, public assistance or other benefits incurred by any person as a result of participating in the program.

(2) The debts, contracts and obligations of the program shall not be considered the debts, contracts and obligations of the commonwealth, and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the commonwealth shall be pledged directly or indirectly to the payment of the debts, contracts and obligations of the program.

(3) Participating employers shall not have any liability for an employee's decision to participate in, or opt out of, the program or for the investment decisions of the board or of any enrollee.

(4) A participating employer shall not be a fiduciary, or considered to be a fiduciary, over the program. A participating employer shall not bear responsibility for the administration, investment options or investment performance of the program. A participating employer shall not be liable with regard to investment returns, program design and benefits paid to program participants.

(h) All agencies of the commonwealth shall cooperate as requested by the state treasurer in the performance of their duties under this section, including, unless otherwise prohibited, the sharing of relevant data as the parties shall mutually agree.

Section 64I. (a)(1) Each employer shall establish a payroll deposit retirement savings arrangement to allow each employee to participate in the program on a timeline set by the board.

(2) Employers shall automatically enroll each employee, who has not opted out of participation, in the program and shall provide payroll deduction retirement savings arrangements and deposit, on behalf of each such employee, these funds into the program.

(3) Employers shall retain the option at all times to set up any type of employer-sponsored retirement plan, including, but not limited to, a defined benefit plan, a 401(k), a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plan or a Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees (SIMPLE) plan, instead of having a payroll deposit retirement savings arrangement to allow employee participation in the program.

(b)(1) Enrollees shall have the ability to: (i) select a contribution level into the fund; or (ii) opt out of participation in the program. The contribution level may be expressed as a percentage of wages or as a dollar amount up to the deductible amount for the enrollee's taxable year under section 219(b)(1)(A) of the Code. Enrollees may change their contribution level at any time and that election shall be honored as soon as administratively feasible. If an enrollee fails to select a contribution level using the form prescribed, the enrollee shall contribute the default contribution rate of 6 per cent, with an annual escalation of 1 per cent and up to 10 per cent, of their wages to the program.

(2) Enrollees may select an investment option from the permitted investment options available under the program. Enrollees may change their investment option at any time. If an enrollee fails to select an investment option, the enrollee shall be placed in a qualified default investment alternative specified by the program.

(3) An enrollee may terminate their participation in the program at any time in a manner prescribed by the program.

Section 64J. (a) An employer who fails without reasonable cause to enroll an employee, who has not elected out of participation, in the program within the time prescribed by the state treasurer, in consultation with the department, shall be subject to a penalty equal to:

(i) $250 for each employee for each calendar year or portion of a calendar year during which the employee neither was enrolled in the program nor had elected out of participation in the program, and the employee or any appropriate official of the commonwealth may bring a civil action to require the employer to enroll the employee and shall recover such costs and reasonable attorney's fees as may be allowed by the court; and

(ii) for each calendar year beginning after the date a penalty has been assessed with respect to an employee, $500 for any portion of that calendar year during which such employee continues to be unenrolled without electing out of participation in the program, and the employee or any appropriate official of the commonwealth may bring a civil action to require the employer to enroll the employee and shall recover such costs and reasonable attorney's fees as may be allowed by the court.

(b) No penalty shall be imposed under subsection (a) for any failure for which it is established that the employer, subject to liability for the penalty, did not know that the failure existed and exercised reasonable diligence to meet the requirements of this section or where:

(i) the employer subject to liability for the penalty exercised reasonable diligence to meet those requirements; and

(ii) the employer complies with those requirements with respect to each employee by the end of the 90-day period beginning on the first date the employer knew, or exercising reasonable diligence would have known, that the failure existed.

(c) In the case of a failure that is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect, all or part of the penalty may be waived to the extent that the payment of the penalty would be excessive or otherwise inequitable relative to the failure involved.

(d) If a participating employer fails to transmit a payroll deduction contribution to the program on the earliest date the amount withheld from the enrollee's compensation may reasonably be segregated from the participating employer's assets, but not later than the 15th day of the month following the month in which the enrollee's contribution amounts are withheld from their paycheck, the failure to remit such contributions on a timely basis shall be subject to the same sanctions as employer misappropriation of employee wage withholdings, including those pursuant to sections 148 and 150 of chapter 149 and to the penalties specified in subsection (a).

(e) Except as provided in this subsection, all information received by the department from returns filed by an employer or from any investigation conducted under this section shall be confidential, except for official purposes within the department or pursuant to official procedures for collection of penalties assessed under this section. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the commissioner from publishing or making available to the public reasonable statistics concerning the operation of this section wherein the contents of returns are grouped into aggregates in such a way that the specific information of any employer shall not be disclosed. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the commissioner from divulging information to an authorized representative of the employer or to any person pursuant to a request or authorization made by the employer or by an authorized representative of the employer.

(f) Civil penalties and fees collected under this section shall be deposited into the fund.

(g) The department may promulgate rules and regulations as necessary or proper for the administration and enforcement of this section.

In section 17, in line 144, by striking out the words "so appearing" and inserting in place thereof the following: "appearing in the 2022 Official Edition";

By inserting after section 18 the following section:

"SECTION 18A. The definition of 'Teacher' in said section 1 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence: Any person who served in a position described above who is vested in the teachers' retirement system or the Boston retirement system and is subsequently employed by the executive office of education or the department of elementary and secondary education shall retain the status of teacher and shall be considered as remaining in service in that capacity.";

By inserting after section 20 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 20A. Paragraph (a) of subdivision (8) of section 3 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence: A teacher who becomes employed at the executive office of education or the department of elementary and secondary education shall remain in the teachers' retirement system or the Boston retirement system.

SECTION 20B. Said subdivision (8) of said section 3 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:

(e) An employee of the executive office of education or the department of elementary and secondary education who is a member of the state employees' retirement system and who is reinstated in the teachers' retirement system or the Boston retirement system pursuant to paragraph (a) shall not be deemed to have had an interruption of membership or service. Upon reinstatement, the member shall pay into the annuity savings fund of the teachers' retirement system or the Boston

retirement system in 1 sum, or in installments as the board may prescribe, makeup payments equal to the difference between the contributions paid to the state employees retirement system and the required contributions of the teachers' retirement system or the Boston retirement system on all regular compensation received during the period of membership in the state employees' retirement system.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or any other general or special law to the contrary, a member who is reinstated in the teachers' retirement system or the Boston retirement system pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be entered into the state employees' retirement system as a group 1 state employee upon retirement.";

By inserting after section 21 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 21A. Section 1 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as amended by section 181 of chapter 238 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by inserting before the definition of 'Ballot question committee' the following definition:

'Adult-care services', care services provided to a candidate's parent or other adult dependent, including, but not limited to, caregiving services by an individual or nonprofit or for-profit organization that provides such services and any other costs directly related to such services that occur as a result of campaign activities; provided, however, that expenses related to adult-care services shall not include payments to a family member, as defined in section 1 of chapter 50, of the parent or other adult dependent receiving care, unless the family member owns, operates or is employed by a professional caregiving service or a nonprofit or for-profit organization that provides adult-care services and the cost of the service is not greater than such family member would otherwise charge.

SECTION 21B. Section 6 of said chapter 55 is hereby amended by inserting, after the word 'services,', as inserted by section 182 of said chapter 238, the following words: "provision of adult-care services,'.";

By inserting after section 64A (inserted by amendment) the following section:

"SECTION 64B. (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (i) of subdivision (4) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, an active or inactive member of the teachers' retirement system or the Boston retirement system who: (i) is a teacher or school nurse; (ii) became eligible for membership in the teachers' retirement system before July 1, 2001; (iii) began contributing to the teachers' retirement system before July 1, 2001; and (iv) did not provide a written election to participate in the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program provided under said subdivision (4) to the teachers' retirement system or the Boston retirement system before July 1, 2001 or at any other time prior to September 1, 2025, or declined to participate in the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program before July 1, 2001 or at any other time prior to September 1, 2025, shall have a new 1-time opportunity to elect to participate in the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program. A member entitled to make an election under this section shall have 180 days from the effective date of this act to make such election.

(b) A member who participates in the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program under this section shall make contributions at the rate of 11 per cent, pursuant to section 22 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, and may be required to provide make-up contributions at the rate of 11 per cent, upon such terms and conditions as the relevant retirement system may require, from the date that such member established membership in the teachers' retirement system or the Boston retirement system.

(c) The teachers' retirement system and the Boston retirement system shall notify eligible active or inactive members of the teachers' retirement system and the Boston retirement system and shall provide information to school districts concerning the 1-

time opportunity pursuant to subsection (a); provided, that the teachers' retirement system and the Boston retirement system shall provide sufficient information pursuant to said subsection (a) and subsection (b) not later than 90 days after the effective date of this act.";

By inserting after section 66 the following section:

"SECTION 66A. (a) Upon implementation of the Massachusetts secure choice savings program established pursuant to section 64H of chapter 29 of the General Laws, inserted by section 16C, the Massachusetts secure choice savings board established pursuant to section 64G of said chapter 29, inserted by said section 16C, shall provide written confirmation to the department of revenue.

(b) Upon receipt of the notice pursuant to subsection (a), the department of revenue shall immediately make publicly available a notice informing employers of the requirements of the Massachusetts secure choice savings program. The notice shall inform employers that rather than enrolling employees in the program, employers may sponsor an alternative plan, including, but not limited to, a defined benefit plan, a 401(k) plan, a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plan or a Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees (SIMPLE) plan.

(c) Notwithstanding section 64J of chapter 29 of the General Laws, inserted by section 16C, no penalty shall be assessed against an employer for noncompliance with section 64I of said chapter 29, inserted by said section 16C, until 1 year after the department of revenue issues the notice required pursuant to subsection (b).";

In section 71, in line 577, by inserting after the year: "2025" the following: "; and provided further, that not less than $3,500,000 shall be distributed to each regional transit authority based on the following formula: (i) 60 per cent based on total transit ridership as reported on the most recent certified national transit data base report; (ii) 30 per cent based on the population of its member communities from the most recent census; and (iii) 10 per cent based on service coverage area determined by the total square miles of its member communities.";

By inserting after section 80 the following section:

"SECTION 80A. The director of campaign and political finance shall promulgate regulations for the implementation of section 21B not later than October 1, 2025.".

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 43.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 43 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (constitutional officers, state administration, and transportation) were adopted.

Recess.

Recess.

At eighteen minutes before nine o'clock P.M. (Tuesday, April 29), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.; and at that time, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Molly McGovern.

During the session, Mr. O'Day of West Boylston took the Chair, and at the request of the Representatives serving in the Second Congressional District, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in remembrance of Molly McGovern, beloved daughter of Congressman Jim McGovern and his wife Lisa Murray McGovern of Worcester.

Molly McGovern, 23, passed away unexpectedly last Wednesday after a battle with a rare form of cancer. She faced her diagnosis with relentless courage, optimism, and tenacity – refusing to let her illness slow her down or define her.

Molly radiated pure joy. She lit up every room with her beaming smile – full of laughter, endless warmth, a sharp wit that could disarm you in an instant, and just the right amount of mischief.

She was unbelievably funny, fiercely loyal, and wise beyond her years. She made everyone feel special and treated everyone she met with compassion and kindness.

She was a senior at Northeastern University, studying Political Science and International Affairs, and was expected to graduate later this year.

Molly is survived by her parents, brother, grandmother, and many other family members and friends, who are grieving her loss.

We ask that we now observe a moment of silence in memory of Molly McGovern.

Guests of the House.

Jrue and Lauren Holiday.

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), declared a brief recess and introduced, two-time NBA champion, Olympic gold medalist, and Boston Celtics guard Jrue Holiday, and his wife, two-time Olympic gold medalist, and World Cup champion Lauren Holiday. Lauren and Jrue co-founded the JLH Fund in 2020 to support Black and Brown small businesses and non-profits nationwide. Their work has extended to Massachusetts, where they've launched initiatives like the Boston Creator + Accelerator, providing funding, mentorship, and access to top institutions to support local entrepreneurs and community leaders. They were the guests of Representative Worrell of Boston.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Apraxia awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Muradian of Grafton) recognizing Apraxia Awareness Day;

Celiac awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Badger of Plymouth and other members of the House) recognizing the observance of May 16, 2025 as International Celiac Awareness Day; and

Resolutions (filed by Representative Vitolo of Brookline and other members of the House) recognizing the Jewish community in honoring May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Day; Jewish American Heritage Day.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Sylvia of Fairhaven, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Auditor of the Commonwealth (see Section 12 of Chapter 11 and Section 42A of Chapter 44 of the General Laws) submitting information regarding municipal entity audit requests for fiscal year 2024; Municipal entity audit requests.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 2 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws) of its activities for calendar year 2024; Public utilities.

From the Office of the Trial Court (see Section 99F of Chapter 276 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of the Massachusetts Probation Service for fiscal year 2024; and Probation service.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4800-0015 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Children and Families Fair Hearing report for fiscal year 2024; Fair hearings.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for January, 2025, was placed on file. Net state tax revenue.

Orders of the Day.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4000, amended), was considered. General Appropriation Bill.

Pending the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, Mr. Muradian of Grafton and other members of the House moved to amend it by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Subsection (a) of section 142K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the commonwealth, either through the department of environmental protection or any other agency or political subdivision thereof, shall not implement or enforce the Advanced Clean Cars II regulations, as modified to apply to Massachusetts, earlier than July 1, 2027. As used in this section, 'Advanced Clean Cars II regulations' shall

mean the portion of the California Low Emission Vehicle Program that was adopted by the California Air Resources Board in Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations at section 1962.4 and as promulgated by the commonwealth at 310 CMR 7.40.".

After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following 4 sections:

"SECTION 84. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including but not limited to Chapter 21N of the General Laws and 310 CMR 7.40, the Commonwealth shall not adopt, implement, or enforce any motor vehicle emissions standards or requirements that are based on or derived from the California Air Resources Board's Advanced Clean Cars II regulations, unless such standards have been individually reviewed, approved, and enacted by the General Court.

SECTION 85. The Department of Environmental Protection shall not promulgate or enforce any regulation that requires a specific percentage of new passenger vehicles sold in the Commonwealth to be zero-emission vehicles, as defined by California's Advanced Clean Cars II program, without explicit legislative authorization.

SECTION 86. Any existing regulations or provisions that mandate adherence to California's Advanced Clean Cars II standards are hereby nullified and shall have no force or effect.

SECTION 87. This section shall take effect immediately upon its passage.".

Point of order.

Ms. Peisch of Wellesley thereupon raised a point of order that the amendment offered by the gentleman from Billerica was improperly before the House for the reason that the amendment offered by the Gentleman from Billerica was improperly before the House for the reason that the House had previously rejected an amendment to postpone enforcement of ACC II; and the amendment from the gentleman from Billerica would repeal the current ACCII- based rules.

In answer to the point of order, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) stated that the House had already refused to postpone, and not reject the ACC II standards. The amendment offered by the gentleman from Billerica would reject the ACC II-based policies already in place, thus exceeding the refusal to postpone the implementation of the policies that the House previously voted against.

Therefore, the Chair ruled that the point of order was well taken; and the amendment was laid aside accordingly.

Appeal from decision of Chair.

Mr. Lombardo thereupon appealed from the decision of the Chair; and the appeal was seconded by Mr. Boldyga of Southwick.

The question then was put "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?".

Decision of Chair sustained,—yea and nay No. 44.

After debate the sense of the House then was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Lombardo of Billerica; and on the roll call 132 members voted in the affirmative and 25 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 44 in Supplement.]

Therefore the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following 5 sections:

"SECTION 84. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including but not limited to Chapter 21N of the General Laws and or Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021, any statewide or sector-specific greenhouse gas emissions limits, benchmarks, or reduction requirements established therein shall be considered aspirational goals and shall not have the force of law as binding mandates.

SECTION 85. Section 3(b) of Chapter 21N of the General Laws, as amended by Section 10 of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021, is hereby further amended by striking the word ‘shall’ and inserting in place thereof the word ‘should’.

SECTION 86. Section 3(b½) of Chapter 21N of the General Laws, as inserted by Section 11 of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021, is hereby amended by striking the words ‘shall promulgate regulations establishing’ and inserting in place thereof the words ‘may adopt policies supporting’.

SECTION 87. The Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs shall revise all relevant public-facing documents, reporting frameworks, and planning documents to reflect that greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets are nonbinding objectives intended to guide state energy and environmental policy.

SECTION 88. This section shall take effect immediately upon passage.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Lombardo; and on the roll call 21 members voted in the affirmative and 136 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 45.

[See Yea and Nay No. 45 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Consolidated amendments (energy and environmental affairs).

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 2000-0100, by adding the following: “; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Wrentham for mitigation and improvements to Hales Pond; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc. for a long-term project to update their sewage lines, starting this April and planned to run through June 2026; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Boston Harbor Now, Inc. for planning, programming and activation and for climate resiliency and community science education; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen’s Alliance, Inc. for the modernization and maintenance of sustainable fishing; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended for updating the 2019 Littleton Common Revitalization Road Map; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Quiet Communities in Concord”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “18,847,510” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “19,707,510”;

In item 2200-0107 by adding the following: “; and provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Westport for the installation of a well at its transfer station and related expenses”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “488,748” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “513,748”;

In item 2250-2000 by adding the following: “; and provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the town of Maynard for the continuation of mitigating water resource issues”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “2,459,359” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “2,659,359”;

In item 2300-0100, in line 9, by inserting after the word “costs” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Fishing Academy of Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to reduce or eliminate nuisance species at Freeman lake in the town of Chelmsford; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the New England Wildlife Center in Weymouth for costs associated with the care, treatment and maintenance of wildlife; provided further, that funds shall be expended by the department's office of biodiversity for efforts to increase biodiversity and to protect and prepare vulnerable maritime ecosystems from climate impacts and unlock their potential for carbon sequestration; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall

be expended for the Open Door in the city of Gloucester for costs associated with participation in a fish to plate pilot program; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the town of Winchester for improvements and environmental remediation of Wedge Pond"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "2,181,915" [sic] and inserting in place thereof the figures: "2,694,288";

In item 2330-0100, in line 29, by inserting after the word "means" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute Incorporated for the development and implementation of environmental DNA research and testing; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for a Cape Cod green crab trapping program", in lines 29 to 35, inclusive, by striking out the words "and provided further, funds shall be expended for a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for Marine Science and Technology at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, that applies innovative technology to assess the biomass of fish in the region managed by the New England Fishery Management Council" and inserting in place thereof the following: "and provided further, that not less than $575,000 shall be expended for a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the school for marine science and technology at the university of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, that applies innovative technology to assess the biomass of fish in the region managed by the New England Fishery Management Council and hydrodynamic modeling of coastal waters to accurately assess delineation of shellfish growing area classifications and other applications to improve management of marine fisheries resources, and whelk fishery research to evaluate alternative management strategies"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "9,364,804" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "9,589,804";

In item 2511-0100, in line 16, by inserting after the word "Massachusetts" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the city of Somerville mobile market revolving fund to help maintain their low-cost farmers market on wheels; provided further, that not less than $375,000 shall be expended to the Boston Public Market Association for the operation and programing at the Boston public market; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Eastie Farm to provide food access, climate adaptation, environmental stewardship and youth education; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the World Farmers program to support their operations and well installation projects; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Land's Sake, Inc. in the town of Weston to support infrastructure and capital improvements to support the sale and donation of fresh produce"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "10,977,101" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "11,552,101";

In item 2511-0105, in line 14, by inserting after the word "poverty" following: "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the heart healthy food pantry at the Natick Service Council, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the food pantry at A Place to Turn Inc. in Natick; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Ginny's Helping Hand, Inc. in the city of Leominster for the purposes of supporting their food pantry and additional community services; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Spanish American Center, Inc. in the city of Leominster for the purpose of supporting their food pantry and additional community services; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Catholic Charities in the city of Leominster for the purposes of supporting their food pantry and additional

community services; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Northern Berkshire Food Project; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Brookline Food Pantry, Inc. to support families in Brookline; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for Manna Community Kitchen to combat food insecurity and expand their support service for vulnerable populations; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the operation of the Food for Free Committee, Incorporated's school markets program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "55,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "55,475,000";

In item 2511-0107 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Sudbury Community Food Pantry, Inc. for food security infrastructure; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to Coastal Foodshed Incorporated to address food insecurity through access to healthy food and to provide support to local farmers and our agricultural economy in the greater New Bedford region; provided further, that not less than $90,000 shall be expended to Greater Lynn Senior Services, Inc. for programming related to the Phoenix food hub; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the Al Nelson Friendship Center Food Pantry; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Franklin Food Pantry, Incorporated for the prevention of food insecurity; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Medway Community Farm, Inc. in the town of Medway; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Medway local food security and anti-hunger initiatives; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Fenway Civic Association, Inc. for the purpose of funding the Fenway cares mutual aid initiative, including administrative costs, to distribute fresh food and supplies to food-insecure Fenway residents; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Rose's Bounty Food Pantry to help fulfill food insecurity needs for residents of the southwest neighborhoods of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Community Health Programs, Incorporated to support food access programs in Berkshire county; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Neighbors Eating All Together (NEAT), Inc. in the town of Arlington; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Granby To-Go, Inc. to support the in-school food pantry and clothing distribution program in the town of Granby; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Survival Centers, Inc. to support its food pantry programs; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Regional Environmental Council, Inc. to support its programs and operations; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the West Bridgewater Food Pantry, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Lower Cape Outreach Council, Inc. to support food pantry building renovations and enhancements; and provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the continued operation of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry, Inc."; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "800,000";

In item 2800-0100 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the ecological restoration of Parkway pond in Cambridge to further mitigate the loss of mature trees from the hi-rail access tunnel construction, and to mitigate the decades-long degradation of the area"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "7,071,194" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "7,121,194";

In item 2800-0501, in line 18, by inserting after the figures: "30" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Community Boating, Inc. for operational purposes"; and by striking out the figures: "29,286,761" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "29,296,761";

In item 2810-0100, in line 30, by inserting after the word "equitable" the following: "; provided further, that local youth programs and nonprofits get first preference in scheduling on all playfields and hockey rinks operated by the department; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for improvements to the baseball and softball fields at Hunnewell field and Murphy field in Natick; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the replacement of the boardwalk at Ponkapoag pond in Canton; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Blue Hill Weather Observatory and Science Center; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the restoration and preservation of parks and historic cemeteries in the Pawtcketville and Centralville sections of the city of Lowell; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Charlestown peace park in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston for infrastructure improvements and maintenance; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to city square park in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston for infrastructure improvements, maintenance and green space preservation; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Brockton public schools to renovate dilapidated tennis courts into basketball courts at the Davis elementary school park area"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "112,263,141" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "112,788,141";

In item 2810-0122 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Lawrence for the rehabilitation of the handball court located at the corner of Oxford street and Lowell street; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for the repair and reinstallation of the town's historic World War I cannon; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Friends of Chandler Pond for the restoration of the Chandler pond shoreline; provided further, that not less than $60,000 shall be expended for Great Brook Farm state park in the town of Carlisle for parking and stormwater improvements; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for tree canopy restoration and invasive species management in the town of Chelmsford; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Wakefield for a pollinator garden; provided further, that not less than $5,000 shall be expended to Hebron Food Pantry, Inc. to assist with increased volume and need; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the city of Melrose playing fields; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Boston 4 Celebrations Foundation, Inc. for the Boston pops fireworks spectacular for the fourth of July, Independence Day celebrations on the Charles river; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the restoration of the Calantha Sears gazebo at Bailey's hill park in the town of Nahant; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for renovations to Oliveria and Rotary parks and the McInerney playground in the city of Lowell to equitably contribute to the health, well-being and inclusivity of residents through the implementation of ADA standards and the furnishing of new park benches and picnic tables; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover to support the Merrimack river access project and for the installation of a docking system to provide safe and accessible access to outdoor recreational activities for residents; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Plymouth for ADA accessibility and other

improvements to the historic training green on Sandwich street in downtown Plymouth; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Fore River trail in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to increase safety at the Rosemary recreation complex in the town of Needham; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the city of Fitchburg for Lowe park to acquire, install and improve equipment and park conditions; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city known as the town of North Attleborough for a feasibility study and design of a bicycle path; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the city of Attleboro for planting trees in public spaces; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to Arlington Community Orchard; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for improvements to Elm park in the city of Worcester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Kennard conservation area trail improvements, including boardwalks in wet areas, in the city of Newton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Friends of Faxon Park in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to the town of Freetown for the purpose of installing electricity for lighting and security cameras at the town beach increasing the safety and security of beachgoers and drive local economic activity by expanding outdoor recreational offerings; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended to the city of Lynn for the treatment of invasive species in ponds; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the North Shore Maritime Center, Inc. for their youth rowing program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Harry McDonough Sailing Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city know as the town of Randolph for the purposes of the construction of a new tri-town water treatment plant in collaboration with the city known as the town of Braintree and the town of Holbrook; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Quincy for improvements, preparedness and operations for ferry service at Squantum Point park; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the Lincoln parks & recreation's summer camp program to provide financial assistance to families in the town of Lincoln; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Salem public schools for the purpose of upgrading the Salem early childhood center playground; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for baseball field improvements in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for renovations of the tennis courts at Winn Brook park in the town of Belmont; and provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to expand the tree canopy in the town of Belmont"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,755,000"; and

In section 2E, in item 1595-6232, in line 6, by inserting after the year: "2050" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for investments to support entrepreneurial fellowships enabling the translation of research into businesses, products, and jobs in the energy, transportation and buildings sectors, as directed by the 2050 Clean Energy and Climate Plan".

Consolidated amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 46.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 46 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (energy and environmental affairs) were adopted.

Recess.

At nineteen minutes before one o'clock P.M. (Wednesday, April 30), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at eight minutes after four o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan in the Chair.

Consolidated amendments (labor and economic development).

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved, under the provisions of the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of Rule 20A, to amend the bill in section 2, in item 0411-1000, by striking out the figures: "6,482,282" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "6,594,282";

In item 1599-0026 by inserting after the words "asbestos monitoring" (inserted by amendment) the following: "and provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for expanded internet connectivity, a Wi-Fi endpoint, and security cameras for the Wayland community pool facility and adjacent parking lot, the site of recent vandalism and anti-Semitic graffiti"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "9,612,999" (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the figures: "9,637,999";

In item 4512-0200, in line 67, by inserting after the word "payer" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the operation of The Dimock Center's behavioral health continuum of care to provide comprehensive treatment for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other behavioral health challenges, address workforce challenges and reduce barriers to care"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "194,987,031" (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the figures: "195,187,031";

In item 5046-0000 by striking the following: "$25,000 shall be expended for a grant" (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the following: "$50,000 shall be expended for a grant";

In item 7000-9506 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Greater Lawrence Latin Music Institute to support technology-enhanced music education, cultural programming and accessible community-based music instruction for youth in Lawrence and surrounding communities"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "6,172,690" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "6,197,690";

In item 7003-0100 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended to Volunteers of America Massachusetts for the development of an innovative Transitional Employment Program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to support staffing at African Cultural Services, Inc. in the city of Waltham; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Year Up to implement workforce development programs; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to commercial driver's license training programs in the town of Paxton; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to a grant program at St. Mary's Center for Women and Children in Dorchester for workforce development and educational programming for women; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the Leduc Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for transportation costs related to the America Reads/Counts program; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Roxbury Main Streets for safety efforts in Nubian Square; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Mission Hill Main Streets to help strengthen small businesses in Mission Hill; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Roxbury Main Streets to provide support for storefront improvement projects in Nubian Square; and provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Urban League of Eastern of

Massachusetts"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "2,334,937" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "3,559,937";

In item 7002-0012, in line 10, by inserting after the word "Corporation" the following: "; provided, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation to implement a youth development grant program; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Cape Verdean Association Cabral Leadership and Innovation Center; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to The Essex National Heritage for the Future Leaders program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "15,240,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "15,365,000";

In item 7003-1206 by striking out the figures: "1,386,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1,686,000";

In item 7004-0107 by striking out the following: "$50,000 shall be expended to Quincy" (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the following: "$100,000 shall be expended to Quincy";

In item 7002-0010, in line in line 7, by inserting after the word "agreements" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to ACT Lawrence for community development; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire Community Action Council; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for LEADS, Inc. to support leadership development; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Pal Pueblo, Inc. community organization; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for capital improvements to the Berkshire South Regional Community Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for MassChallenge, Inc. to provide support for entrepreneurial programs; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Asian American Women's Political Initiative; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to the Historic New England to support its Welcome Center, programs, and exhibits; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Gardner Community Action Committee (CAC) to support capital improvements and operations; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to update the Rural Policy Plan for the commonwealth of Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Beacon Communities Charitable Fund for the Tierney Learning Center; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Non-Profit Alliance of Greater Lowell"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "5,608,084" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "6,933,084";

In item 7006-0011, in line 4, by striking out the figures: "1,500,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "2,000,000"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "1,500,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "2,000,000";

In item 7006-0142, in line 3, by striking out the figures: "19,916,561" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "19,966,561", in line 20, by inserting after the word "inspections" the following: "; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for a reimbursement program to be managed by the division of occupational licensure, which shall provide for the costs associated with the testing for the presence of pyrrhotite; and provided further, that reimbursements shall be made at a rate of 100 per cent for visual testing conducted by a licensed professional engineer for not more than $600 and at a rate of 75 per cent for the testing of 2 core samples for not more than $4,000"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "19,916,561" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "19,966,561";

In item 7007-0952, in line 15, by inserting after the year: “1996” the following words: “; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Lupa Zoo in Ludlow”; and in said item by striking out the figures: “5,750,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “7,675,000”;

In item 7008-0900, in line 4, by inserting after the word “development” the following: “; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for a matching grant program to the Enrichment Center located in Dorchester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for No Books No Ball; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Museum of African American History; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Dorchester Elite Eagles; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Lady Raiders; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the Boston Asian: Youth Essential Service, Inc. organization; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Lena Park Community Center located in Dorchester; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the town of Shrewsbury to support Shrewsbury’s 300th anniversary celebration events; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the Springfield Museums for renovations to the childhood home and garage of Dr. Seuss; provided further, that not less than $325,000 shall be expended to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, for deferred maintenance of basketball artifacts, improvements to lighting system, and replacement of HVAC parts; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the 26.2 Foundation for a public art installation; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for a childcare subsidy in the town of Acton; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the moving ahead program at the St. Francis House in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the Bay State Games; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the 60th Head of the Charles Regatta to cover costs associated with public safety; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Boston Landmarks Orchestra for the purpose of providing free public concerts in Boston; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the West End Museum to support growing capacity and to promote awareness of the West End and Boston's central role in shaping modern urban planning; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Museum of Science for improvements to the Theater of Electricity and the development of more interactive exhibit demonstrations; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the North End Youth Organization, Inc., formerly known as the Nazzaro Recreation Center, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Revolutionary Spaces Inc. to address deferred maintenance and make improvements necessary for the operation of the Old State House and Old South Meeting House in Boston; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Boch Center’s Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame (FARHOF) located in the city of Boston to support the Hall of Fame’s educational mission as well as local economic development through programming and performances at the FARHOF; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the Waltham Tourism Council, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Chinatown Business Association, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the Dedham Museum and Archive for costs associated with modernization; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Kingston 300, Inc. to print and design a book to support the town of Kingston’s 300th Anniversary Celebration; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be

expended to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the HBCU Kickoff Classic Weekend at Harvard University to support venue infrastructure, logistics, community engagement, and marketing for the August 2025 event; and to facilitate local economic development through partnerships with local and minority-owned businesses, and provide career fairs and mentorship opportunities for students; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Fenway Community Center, in the Fenway neighborhood of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee, in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston, for promoting tourism, production and promotional expenditures; provided further, that not less than $10,750 shall be expended to the Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe to construct a traditional Wetu, or Wampanoag longhouse, on the historic Pondville Meetinghouse lands, a site central to their cultural heritage for purposes of preserving and sharing Wampanoag traditions, promoting intergenerational connections and educating the public about Indigenous history; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the DeFillipo playground in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $375,000 shall be expended to Commonwealth Shakespeare Company for the purpose of free programming on the Boston common and accessible live theater programming and educational initiatives in the greater Boston area; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the New American Association of Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to Bay State Performing Arts Inc. in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended to the Boston Children's Museum for conservation planning to increase sustainability and protect assets by improving and updating the building envelope; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Germantown Neighborhood Center in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. in the city of Quincy; and provided further, that not less than $85,000 shall be expended to the Boston LGBTQIA+ Museum for an artist support program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "283,203" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "4,438,953";

In item 7008-1116 by adding the following: "; provided, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for infrastructure upgrades to the Main street corridor zoned for business in the town of Dighton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the softball field at the Mapleway field and playground in the town of Wakefield; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the renovation and improvement of the Ashland Community Center; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Sturbridge 250th Anniversary Celebration; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation for the Quaboag Connector; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Norwood for the Norwood Hospital Task Force to conduct economic analysis; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for technology upgrades at the Amesbury Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Paul Revere Heritage Site in Canton; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the for Friends of Herter Park, Inc. for the maintenance of the outdoor theater in Artesani park with approval from the department of

conservation and recreation; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Millis for the purchase of 7 multi-gas meters with calibration station for the fire department; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Scantic Valley YMCA Outdoor Recreational Programs; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the operation of New England Public Media's education efforts; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Wilbraham Nature and Cultural Council for tourism, marketing and advertising purposes; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for Gloucester Boxing Club; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the town of Sherborn for the construction of the Sherborn history center and Museum; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Holliston for the construction of recreational courts at the Flagg school property; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for a downtown beautification project in the town of Mansfield; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the North End Music and Performing Arts Center, Inc; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the Community Service of Newburyport, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Charles River Watershed Association to engage with Allston-Brighton residents in understanding and reviewing the climate resilience implications of planned development in the Allston-Brighton sections of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the New Bedford Festival Theatre; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for AHA! Art, History & Architecture in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended to the city of Framingham for trail improvements; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Frederick Douglass House in the city of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Cape Verdean Association of New Bedford; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for production programming at Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in New Bedford; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the town of Burlington to replace the aging asphalt walkways on the town common with updated ADA-compliant concrete walkways; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Asian Community Development Corporation for the purposes of expanding their retirement matched savings program for low-income Asian elders; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the let's row Boston program administered by Community Rowing, Inc. in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Barrington Stage Company in the city of Pittsfield for year-round programming through Mr. Finn's cabaret at the Sydelle & Lee Blatt performing arts center; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the Economic Development and Business outreach Commission in the town of Webster; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for design, planning and construction of playgrounds at Whitin elementary school and on Hecla street in Uxbridge; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for the Wharf District Council, Inc. for climate resiliency planning; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for improvements and enhancements to the Marcos Rios memorial playground in the town of Southbridge; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Pond Plain Improvement Association in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than $5,000 shall be expended to Union Theatre Revival Committee to assist with costs associated with a community collaboration project facilitated by Mass Development's TDI program; provided

further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for The Royall House and Slave Quarters for history and arts programming for youth in the city of Medford; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Addiction Treatment Center of New England, Inc. for the expansion of the three-quarter step unit program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Raynham for building a gravel parking lot and canoe launch next to the Taunton river off South street west in Raynham; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Bridgewater for building a pavilion and other improvements associated with a pavilion at the town river landing; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to La Colaborativa to support their economic development center; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Chelsea to fund critical needs within youth sports; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Franklin Downtown Partnership, Inc. to promote economic development in the city known as the town of Franklin; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Marlborough Revolution 250 Committee; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Idlewell Educational Improvement Association, Inc. in the city known as the town of Weymouth; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for renovations and programming at the John M Barry Newton Boys and Girls Club; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Sweet Inspirations LLC in Milford for equipment, materials and services; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to Beacon Hill Village for the purpose of improving their capacity to expand technological improvements and the provision of programming services for older adults; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the North End Athletic Association, Inc. in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Springfield Black Chamber's community outreach; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Brighton Main Streets, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for the North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Tufts library in city known as the town of Weymouth for material and equipment upgrades; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Harambee Festival; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended towards a project celebrating Fiestas Patronales to its fiscal agent Nueva Esperanza; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Community Music Center of Boston; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the historic Chevalier Theatre in Medford; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to support full-day kindergarten in the town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended the design and or construction of ADA improvements at the third meeting house in the town of North Reading; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended for the North Reading fire department to purchase turnout gear; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for security and software upgrades in the North Reading public schools; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Glen Meadow little league field in the town of Lynnfield; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for converting the Lynnfield middle school fitness room in the town of Lynnfield; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the Soccer Unity Project for providing an opportunity for youth from all backgrounds to build a community through sports; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the Middleton council on aging for the purchase of an ADA-compliant van; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Stone Soul Inc.

Festival; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to The BASE for providing every student-athlete access to exceptional athletics and educational support programs; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to South End Baseball; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Tewksbury for sidewalk improvements on the Whipple road corridor to ensure the accessibility and safety of pedestrians; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the city of Lynn for planting and landscaping improvements at Kiley park; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the Urban League; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for upgrades to the baseball practice facilities at Quincy high school; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for staffing at the Waltham Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Halifax for the purpose of updating their Master Plan; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended for the New Commonwealth Fund to assist in their work of expanding grant opportunities for Black and Brown-led non-profits across the Commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Charles River Center to upgrade their food preparation facilities; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the town of Medfield to maintain and improve the grounds around its town hall; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for maintenance, repairs and ADA compliance upgrades for the city of Revere's Historical Society building; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for drainage and structural work for the city of Revere's McMackin field; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Revere Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the child safety program in the city of Revere; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for an emergency generator for the town of Saugus' town hall; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Fitchburg public library for the development and expansion of the children's program room; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the town of Northborough, for the repair, replacement, maintenance or origination of public sidewalks; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to The Footlight Club in Boston for its programming and operations; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to The Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of the city of Boston for programming and operations; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Latino Economic Development Corporation for start-up and existing small businesses in downtown Springfield; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended to the Hispanic American Library in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, Inc. in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Dress for Success Western Massachusetts in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Blues to Green for the operation of the Springfield Jazz & Roots Festival; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the Spirit of Springfield, Inc. to produce events that provide a sense of community, civic pride and opportunities for celebration; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Penn's Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc. in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the New North Citizens' Council, Inc. in the city of Springfield for the Latino health salsa in the parks family summertime intervention; provided

further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended for the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council to fund a part-time residential case manager; provided further, that not more than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Milton for purposes of an outdoor stage in the Honorable M. Joseph Manning community park; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for Wellspring House Inc. in the city of Gloucester for a study on developing housing for individuals in workforce training programs; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the city of Everett for the permitting and design of a floating boardwalk connecting Rivergreen park to Gateway park; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Irish Cultural Centre of Greater Boston for the restoration and improvements of the cultural center in Canton; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the redesign, study, permitting and engineering of the intersection at Gardners neck road at route 103 and new Gardners neck road in the town of Swansea; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the historic West Medford Community Center; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of the programs of Riverside Theatre Works; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the purposes of the operation of the programs of the Menino Arts Center; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to LGBTQ Senior Housing Inc. to facilitate access to welcoming, safe and affordable housing for low-income LGBTQ seniors; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended to the South Hadley/Granby Chamber of Commerce to support local microbusiness development initiatives; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for Easthampton Chamber of Commerce to support local microbusiness development initiatives; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for Newton Upper Falls Community Development Corporation; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for the repair and maintenance of Woodland park in the town of West Boylston; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the Adams Presidential Center in the city of Quincy; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended for Downtown Framingham, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Parties From Above, to support the creation of healing-centered celebrations for children who have lost a parent to violence, and to expand access to counseling, case management and essential resources for their caregivers and families; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Newton urban forestry division to plant new street trees in the northeast corner of the city; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the improvements to Pellegrini park in the Nonantum neighborhood of the city of Newton, including improvements to the tot lot at Pellegrini park fieldhouse; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Amplify POC Cape Cod Inc. for business resources and education; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Partnerships for Youth, Inc. to continue delivering remote or on-site training and capacity building for school and community leaders in the areas of youth violence risk assessment and harm reduction for at-risk youth; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for capital improvements at the Watertown Boys' and Girls' Club, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Stoughton for planning and implementation of Stoughton's 300th anniversary celebration; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the renovation of laboratory space and equipment upgrades to support the life and science programs at American International College; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be allocated

to the Planning Office for Urban Affairs, Inc. to support resident services for low-income individuals and families in need; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Sean Joyce athletics fields in the town of Holbrook; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Families First Parenting Programs, Inc. to support their free, multilingual parenting education programs across Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended for the Westmass Area Development Corporation to offset and pay any and all costs incurred and related to, but not limited to, operational costs and expenses involved with the revitalization of the Ludlow Mills Industrial Complex; provided further, that not less than $7,500 shall be expended to the Ludlow's Boys and Girls Club for the improvements to the outdoor playscape and recreation options; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to Bolton Community Fund, Inc. for the continuation of the Bolton 5K and Fun Run Festival; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the Center for Human Development's Family Outreach of Amherst program to provide direct assistance to low-income Amherst residents; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for research and education at the Marine Biological Laboratory in the town of Falmouth; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended for the city of Gloucester for monitoring the presence of and minimizing the disturbance to coastal birds; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to Project D.E.E.P Assoc., Inc. for an educational enrichment program in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Methuen for planning and implementation of Methuen's 300th anniversary celebration; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Springfield Community Resources, Inc; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the East Springfield Neighborhood Council, Inc. in the city of Springfield for neighborhood beautification and community engagement; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, Inc. in the city of Springfield for neighborhood beautification and community engagement; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the Pine Point Community Council, Inc. in the city of Springfield for neighborhood beautification and community engagement; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the 16 Acres Civic Association in the city of Springfield for neighborhood beautification and community engagement; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to Boston Scores for the operations of the East Boston FC and Festival 2026 programming to celebrate housing the World Cup in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $5,000 shall be expended to the Prospera Institute to support their work advancing health equity in underserved communities; provided further, that not less than $1,000,000 shall be expended to the New England Aquarium Corporation for the operation of facilities they operate in the cities of Boston and Quincy; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the town of Andover for any costs related to ADA improvements at the municipal complex, including the town hall, school administration, senior center, youth center, gazebo, park and surrounding area; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Boxford for any costs related to the replacement of a department of public works tractor; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Tewksbury for any costs related to renovations at the Ella Flemings school; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for audiovisual equipment for programming and open or hybrid meeting spaces at the

J.V. Fletcher library in the town of Westford; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended to First Night Boston, Inc., for operations in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston's Age Strong commission for senior programming in the West End neighborhood in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Greater Springfield convention and visitors bureau for the Latino marketing initiative; provided further, that not less than $30,000 shall be expended to the Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum and Cultural Center in the town of Falmouth; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Haitian Community Partners in the city of Brockton for staffing; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the Springfield water and sewer commission for the purposes of the review and study of potential energy efficiency, renewable energy and climate mitigation efforts at its facilities; provided further, that not less than $175,000 shall be expended for the Western Massachusetts Sports Commission; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Agawam senior center to improve transportation and accessibility by purchasing or updating their transportation services; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the West Springfield senior center to support expanded services and facility maintenance; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Millbury for repairs and upgrades of the Asa Waters mansion; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston's Age Strong commission for senior programming in the Dorchester neighborhood in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended to Latinos for Education, Inc.; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Clinton for the downtown Clinton mural program; provided further, that not less than $45,000 shall be expended to the town of Lancaster for the construction of a new veterans monument in the Lancaster memorial park; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the town of Sterling for the study of West Sterling Water Source Wells access road; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the town of Berlin for a firepole and associated construction to provide access from the firehouse dormitories to the apparatus bay; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston's Age Strong commission for senior programming in the South End neighborhood in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Boston Music Project to provide educational instruction and social-emotional learning practices in the South Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the design of the Easton industrial park sewer project; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for Rose Conservatory, Inc. in the city of Brockton; provided further, that not less than $125,000 shall be expended for the city of Fall River redevelopment authority for improvements to the northfield point for waterfront access; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to Spectrum Productions, theatre for autistic young adults in the city of Fall River; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the city of Fall River for replacement of the welcome to Fall River sign on route 24; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the city of Fall River for programming events for local seniors and teens; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Bristol County Veterans Association for their annual sheroes event honoring female veterans; provided further, that not less than $250,000 shall be expended for Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development, Inc. for technical assistance to the region and municipalities of the commonwealth; provided further, that not less than $35,000 shall be expended

to the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc. for the maintenance and upkeep of the Massachusetts law enforcement memorial; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for capital improvements of the American Legion Post 440 in the Nonantum neighborhood of the city of Newton; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to the town of Topsfield for the replacement of the library main doors with ADA compliant automated doors; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Human Resources Structure Working Group in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for local business supports in the town Wellesley; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for Human Relations Service, Inc. in the town of Wellesley; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for public service announcements to be broadcast during From the Top, Inc.'s radio programming; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston's Age Strong commission for senior programming in the Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Ray of Hope for Haverhill youth to participate in the hoops and handles program; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to Haverhill public schools for the girls empowered means success program; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Build Boston for 1 year of entrepreneurship programming at the Gateway academy in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to New England Invents, Inc. for the Pinnacle Co-Working Hub; provided further, that not less than $20,000 shall be expended to Ruth's House in Haverhill; provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Urban Bridges to support workforce development initiatives; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Carver middle-high school for the purpose of repairing and repurposing the roof, installing solar energy panels to power the school, and athletic field lighting; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the city of Woburn main street makeover grant program, which will include grants for façades, awnings and signs; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the town of Reading for town wide traffic intersection improvements; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the Caribbean Integration Community Development, Inc. within the city of Springfield; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for the Develop Springfield Corporation to offset and pay any and all costs incurred and related to, but not limited to, operational costs and expenses involved with the management and revitalization of the Springfield innovation center on bridge street in Springfield; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for a child safety program in the city known as the town of Winthrop; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the redesign, study, permitting and engineering of route 38 in the town of Wilmington; provided further, that not less than $6,500 shall be allocated to the Watertown free public library to support the citizenship corner project; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the restoration of public walkways along Summit Avenue in the city known as the town of Winthrop; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to the North End Historical Society; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for the redesign, study, permitting, and engineering of route 38 in the town of Tewksbury; provided further, that not less than $40,000 shall be expended for a new dog park in the city of Revere; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for body cameras for the city of Revere Police Department; provided further, that not less than $15,000 shall be expended for the Boys & Girls Club of

Greater Haverhill for the capital campaign project for the construction of a new state of the art facility in the city of Haverhill; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended to the Coconut Grove Committee in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Downtown BID for a festive, decorative light canopy on Winter street in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended for the Greater Haverhill Foundation for capital and costs associated with maintaining the co-working space in Downtown Haverhill; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to OCA-APAA-NE, INC.; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to the Asian Business Empowerment Council in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended for equipment acquisitions for Reading memorial high school in the town of Reading; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended to Roxbury Main Streets for the Plan Blue Initiative; provided further, that not less than $50,000 shall be expended to the Argeo R. Cellucci, JR. "Junior" Memorial In Door Bocce Courts in the North End neighborhood in Boston; provided further, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston's age strong commission for senior programming in the East Boston neighborhood in the city of Boston; provided further, that not less then $35,000 shall be expended for the Arlington Historical Society; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to improve underutilized areas and green space for recreational use of areas surrounding Cook pond in the city of Fall River; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the Fall River housing authority to improve senior centers; and provided further, that not less than $10,000 shall be expended to Springfield Black tennis program"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "15,914,000";

In item 7061-0012 by striking out the following: "23.5 per cent of all tuition and other circuit-breaker eligible costs" (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the following: "21.5 per cent of all tuition and other circuit-breaker eligible costs";

In item 7503-0100 by adding the following: "provided, that not less than $75,000 shall be expended for the veterans educational service center"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "31,198,494" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "31,273,494";

In item 8000-1127 by adding the following: "; provided further, that not less than $150,000 shall be expended for a security personnel program to be piloted at nonprofits that have demonstrated to be high risk for terrorist attacks or hate crimes; and provided further, that the participating nonprofits shall contribute matching funds to such pilot program equal to $1 for every $1 contributed by the commonwealth"; and in said item by striking out the figures: "4,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "4,150,000";

In item 9110-9002 by striking out the following: "; provided further, that not less than $25,000 shall be expended to the town of Wayland for an emergency generator for the new Wayland council on aging community center" (inserted by amendment); and in said item by striking out the figures: "30,533,592" (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the figures: "30,508,592";

By inserting after section 3 the following section:

"SECTION 3A. Section 3 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the figure '36,025', in line 2, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 50,000.";

In section 4, in lines 1 and 2, by striking out the following: “chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition” and inserting in place thereof the following: “said chapter 6, as so appearing”;

By inserting after section 11 the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 11A. Chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 71. (a) There shall be a small business ombudsperson, focused on boosting economic growth in the commonwealth, within the executive office of economic development. The small business ombudsperson shall serve as a resource for small businesses within the commonwealth and provide support and advocacy for small businesses experiencing hardship while navigating complex federal policies that may hinder growth. The small business ombudsperson shall be vested with the authority and responsibility to: (i) provide timely information, guidance and assistance to small businesses, including, but not limited to, information related to regulatory frameworks, statutory obligations, any tariff policies or other changes with the potential to impact competitiveness of small businesses in the commonwealth; (ii) facilitate access to relevant programs, services and initiatives to bolster the economic growth and sustainability of small businesses; and (iii) support small businesses navigating the application and procurement processes.

(b) The ombudsperson shall engage in robust coordination and collaboration with MOBD established in section 1, the operational services division established in section 4L of chapter 7, the executive office of economic development’s Business Front Door program, the office of consumer affairs and business regulation established in section 1 of chapter 24A, the supplier diversity office established in section 58A of chapter 7 and any other relevant state agencies or other entities to enhance support for small businesses and for the purpose of elevating the array of services and initiatives designed to foster the growth, resilience and success of small businesses in the commonwealth.

(c)(1) The responsibilities of the ombudsperson shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) offering informed support and resources to navigate state and local licensing, permitting and regulatory compliance requirements; (ii) navigating the public procurement process; (iii) facilitating access to financial assistance programs, including, but not limited to, grants, loans and tax incentives available to small businesses; (iv) providing timely and accurate advisement regarding developments in state and federal policy changes that impact small business operations, including, but not limited to, changes to federal tariff policies; (v) facilitating connections between small business owners and technical assistance providers, mentorship programs and business development resources to nurture informed innovation; (vi) supporting efforts to identify and promote workforce development opportunities, training programs and hiring incentives to foster growth within the commonwealth; and (vii) ensuring that small business owners are equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to understand and comply with labor, health and safety regulations applicable to developing lawful and sustainable small businesses.

(2) The ombudsperson shall develop, disseminate and make available or direct small business owners seeking assistance to an array of educational presentations, written materials and other resources pertinent to small businesses and diverse suppliers. The presentations and materials shall include, but shall not be limited to, clear explanations of: (i) commonly used business terms and acronyms; (ii) documentation and application requirements necessary to establish and register a business in the commonwealth; (iii) applicable fees and payment obligations related to business formation and licensing; (iv) detailed step-by-step instructional guidance

on how to complete required administrative and procurement processes, including, but not limited to, responding to a request for proposal, bidding on state contracts and registering with the commonwealth's procurement systems; (v) guidance on compliance with state and federal regulatory requirements; (vi) instructions on accessing financial assistance programs, including grants, loans and tax incentives available to small businesses; (vii) comprehensive information on workforce development programs, employee training resources and other opportunities designed to foster economic mobility; (viii) guidance on navigating the certification processes for small and diverse businesses; (ix) best practices for business planning, financial recordkeeping and preparing for audits or regulatory reviews; and (x) any other information the ombudsperson determines is necessary and proper to assist in navigating changes to federal tariff policies and equip small businesses with the tools to adapt to evolving federal policies.

(d) Annually, not later than January 1, the ombudsperson shall file a report on activities related to small businesses with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies and the joint committee on financial services. For the purposes of the report, the words "small business" shall be as defined pursuant to: (i) applicable federal law; (ii) the supplier diversity office's small business purchasing program; (iii) certified as a diverse or small business by the supplier diversity office; and (iv) any other definition in the General Laws as determined by the ombudsperson. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to: (A) the number of requests received by the ombudsperson from small business owners; (B) the types of requests received by the ombudsperson from small business owners; (C) the types of actions made for requests received; (D) the number and type of requests related to changes to federal tariff policies; and (E) recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the position of small business ombudsperson.

SECTION 11B. Section 6 of chapter 23N of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (i) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(i) Applications for operator licenses shall be public records under section 10 of chapter 66; provided, however, that trade secrets, competitively-sensitive information or other proprietary information provided by an applicant for an operator license or an operator licensee to the commission under this chapter, the disclosure of which would place the applicant or licensee at a competitive disadvantage or would be detrimental to the applicant or licensee if it were made public, may be withheld from disclosure under section 10 of chapter 66 at the commission's discretion.";

In section 12, in lines 97 and 98, by striking out the following: "appearing in the 2022 Official Edition" and inserting in place thereof the words "so appearing";

By inserting after section 22 the following 4 sections:

"SECTION 22A. Section 11A of chapter 90D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

Upon receiving notification of satisfaction of a security interest pursuant to section 24, the registrar may waive the issuance and mailing of the certificate of title to the owner or a third party authorized by the registrar and requested by the lienholder. If the registrar waives the issuance and mailing of the certificate of title, the registrar shall ensure that: (i) the owner or authorized third party may receive a paper certificate of title upon request; and (ii) there is a process or system established to ensure that the owner or authorized third party may affect action that would

otherwise be necessary upon the certificate of title. The registrar may promulgate rules and regulations related to this section.

Nothing in this section shall relieve a seller's obligation under section 15 to assign and deliver title to a purchaser or the registrar at the time of delivery of the vehicle, nor shall anything in this section relieve a purchaser's obligation under sections 1A and 2 of chapter 90 to take title to said vehicle prior to insuring or registering the vehicle.

SECTION 22B. Section 24 of said chapter 90D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

Notwithstanding subsection (a) of section 16, the registrar shall promulgate rules and regulations to establish an electronic process whereby a vehicle may be sold at retail, reassigned between dealers, or any other method of ownership transfer or sale approved by the registrar. The conveyor of the vehicle shall maintain, invalidate or surrender the existing paper certificate of title, if applicable, upon completion of the transaction and update of the electronic certificate of title for a vehicle that is retailed, reassigned or transferred under this paragraph, in a form or format prescribed by the registrar.

Nothing in this section shall relieve a seller's obligation under section 15 to assign and deliver title to a purchaser or the registrar at the time of delivery of the vehicle, nor shall anything in this section relieve a purchaser's obligation under sections 1A and 2 of chapter 90 to take title to said vehicle prior to insuring or registering the vehicle.

SECTION 22C. Said chapter 90D is hereby further amended by adding the following section:-

Section 39. Electronic signatures as prescribed in section 9 of chapter 110G shall be accepted by the registrar through the electronic process prescribed under section 24. The registrar may promulgate rules and regulations for the requirements for electronic signature authentication, maintenance, invalidation or surrender of a secure paper title bearing an original signature.

Nothing in this chapter shall relieve a seller's obligation under section 15 to assign and deliver title to a purchaser or the registrar at the time of delivery of the vehicle, nor shall anything in this chapter relieve a purchaser's obligation under sections 1A and 2 of chapter 90 to take title to said vehicle prior to insuring or registering the vehicle.

SECTION 22D. Section 26 of chapter 101 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words 'one year' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 5 years.";

By striking out the words "SECTION 22½" (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 22E";

By inserting after section 28 the following section:

"SECTION 28A. Paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of section 12 of chapter 175D of the General Laws, as appearing in section 3 of chapter 389 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by striking out the word 'insured', the first time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the following word:- insurer.";

By inserting after section 60A (inserted by amendment) the following section:

"SECTION 60B. Item 1599-2050 of section 2A of chapter 102 of the acts of 2021, as amended by section 50 of chapter 42 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by striking out the words 'Allen Avenue school' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 451 Elm street, North Attleboro.";

By inserting after section 63 the following section:

"SECTION 63A. Item 1599-1017 of section 2A of chapter 238 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended to the city of Boston for the construction planning, capital projects and deferred maintenance by Revolutionary Spaces, Inc. at the Old State House and Old South Meeting House' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- provided further, that not less than $2,500,000 shall be expended to Revolutionary Spaces, Inc. for construction planning, capital projects and deferred maintenance at the Old State House and Old South Meeting House.";

By inserting after section 67B (inserted by amendment) the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 67C. With respect to any claim or cause of action seeking any legal or equitable remedy or relief commenced on or after July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2028, nonprofit institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations that comprise a health care delivery system shall be immune from liability on any and all such claims alleging that the institution's or organization's payment of wages, on a monthly basis or pursuant to any written policy, schedule or agreement presented or made available to an employee concerning payment for work performed over an academic term, violated section 148 of chapter 149 of the General Laws; provided, that earned wages were paid in full within 6 days of the termination of a pay period occurring: (i) on a monthly basis; or (ii) pursuant to any written policy, schedule or agreement presented to an employee concerning payment for work performed over a specific period or an academic term.

SECTION 67D. (a) There is hereby established a commission to study the factors that impact the decisions of individuals and businesses to relocate to and from the commonwealth.

(b) The commission shall include the following members: the secretary of economic development, who shall serve as chair; the secretary of housing and livable communities or their designee; the commissioner of revenue or their designee; the chairs of the joint committee on revenue; the chairs of the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies; the chairs of the joint committee on housing; the chairs of the joint committee on transportation; 1 member who shall be appointed by the house minority leader; 1 member who shall be appointed by the senate minority leader; the chief executive officer of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, Inc. or their designee; the chief executive officer of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Inc. or their designee; the president of the National Federation of Independent Businesses or their designee; and the president of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, Inc. or their designee.

(c)(1) The commission shall study factors contributing to businesses and individuals relocating to and from the commonwealth, including, but not limited to: (i) tax policies, including fair share taxes in the commonwealth and other states, including, but not limited to, New Jersey, New York and California; (ii) estate tax policies; (iii) corporate taxes, including the tax imposed on corporations under section 39 of chapter 63 of the General Laws and other similar taxes in other states; (iv) costs of living; (v) business operating costs; (vi) employment opportunities; and (vii) workforce challenges.

(2) The commission shall hold not fewer than 3 public hearings to receive testimony from businesses, stakeholders and individuals about what state policies and economic challenges are influencing them to or have resulted in their choice to relocate to or from the commonwealth.

(d) The commission shall develop recommendations to promote economic competitiveness in the commonwealth and to prevent businesses and individuals from leaving the commonwealth and encourage businesses and individuals to relocate to

the commonwealth. The commission's recommendations shall include, but shall not be limited to, proposals related to state tax policies that encourage businesses to stay in the commonwealth, initiatives to promote economic development and workforce competitiveness in the commonwealth and strategies to improve the cost of living for residents.

(e) Not later than July 1, 2026, the commission shall submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies.";

By inserting after section 68A (inserted by amendment) the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 68B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, grants from the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (a) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws allocated to regional tourism councils pursuant to clause (ii) of subsection (d) of said section 13T of said chapter 23A for fiscal year 2026 shall be distributed not later than December 1, 2025 pursuant to a transfer schedule determined by the executive office for administration and finance.

SECTION 68C. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, grants from the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (b) of section 13T of chapter 23A of the General Laws allocated to regional tourism councils pursuant to clause (ii) of subsection (d) of said section 13T of said chapter 23A for fiscal year 2025 shall be distributed not later than December 1, 2025 pursuant to a transfer schedule determined by the executive office for administration and finance.";

By inserting after section 80A (inserted by amendment) the following section:

"SECTION 80B. Not later than January 1, 2026, the registrar of motor vehicles shall promulgate regulations to implement the last 2 paragraphs of section 24 of chapter 90D of the General Laws, inserted by section 22B."; and

In section 81, in line 679, by inserting after the figure: "5" the following: ", 22A, 22C".

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 47.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 47 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments (labor and economic development) were adopted.

The Speaker having taken the Chair,—

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 48.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair) 151 members voted in the affirmative and 6 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 48 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4001, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At ten minutes after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Thursday, May 1, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

James A. Johnson, III.

At the request of Representatives Day of Stoneham, McMurtry of Dedham, Vaughn of Wrentham, Philips of Sharon and Rogers of Norwood, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of James A. Johnson, III of Winchester.

James A. Johnson, III, known affectionately as Jimmy, passed away at the age of 71 on April 16 leaving behind a legacy of steadfast dedication to the Winchester community, a loving family and countless friends.

Jimmy was a lifelong Winchester resident, graduating from Winchester High School in 1972. A pillar of the community, Jimmy served with distinction on the select board of the town for 18 years. Additionally, Jimmy served on the finance committee, town day committee and the capital planning committee. Honored as 2016's Winchester Citizen of the Year, Jimmy raised his family of three children with his wife Barbara to whom he was married for 49 years. He leaves behind five beloved grandchildren.

Jimmy exemplified the best of public service through his steadfast commitment to the Winchester community.

Communications.

Communications

Worcester,—juvenile justice.

From the Office of the Worcester County District Attorney (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting a statistical report on community based juvenile justice program activities in Worcester County for the calendar year 2024;

Child Advocate.

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 10 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of the office's accomplishments and activities for fiscal year 2024;

Worcester,—motor vehicle forfeiture funds.

From the Office of the Worcester County District Attorney (see Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on motor vehicle forfeiture fund statistics for fiscal year 2024;

Worcester,—drug and crime funds.

From the Office of the Worcester County District Attorney (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its law enforcement trust funds for drug rehabilitation, drug education and other drug or neighborhood crime watch programs for fiscal year 2024; and

From the Hampden County Sheriff's Office (see item 8910-1000 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Prison Industries (PI) report for fiscal year 2024; Hampshire,— Prison Industries.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representatives Cruz of Salem and Reid of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4058) of Manny Cruz relative to licensure of and negligence by HVAC companies and technicians. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. HVAC licensure.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4059) of Paul McMurtry relative to fresh fruits and vegetables in schools; and Schools,— fresh produce.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4060) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to recess at schools and for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to student discipline and bullying. Schools,— recess and discipline.

Severally to the committee on Education.

By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4061) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to authorize the commissioner of insurance to maintain a publicly accessible database for certificates of insurance. To the committee on Financial Services. Insurance,— public database.

By Representative Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4062) of John J. Lawn, Jr., relative to the closing of hospitals or the discontinuance of essential health services. To the committee on Health Care Financing. Hospital closures.

By Representative Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4063) of Joan Meschino and Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to increases of the annual rent of affordable housing units and for rental unit and project oversight. To the committee on Housing. Affordable housing,— rent.

By Representative Boldyga of Southwick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4064) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to witness protection and intimidation; Witness protection.

By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4065) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to survivors of domestic violence and enhancing child welfare; and Domestic violence.

By Representative Ultrino of Malden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4066) of Steven Ultrino relative to expanding homestead protections. Homestead protections.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4067) of Kip A. Diggs relative to expanding and modernizing apprenticeships; Apprentice-ships.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4068) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to address health insurance coverage by implementing a fair share employer contribution; and Health insurance,— employers.

Unemployment assistance.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4069) of Andres X. Vargas relative to the Department of Unemployment Assistance.

Severally to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Food delivery.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4070) of Andres X. Vargas relative to food delivery transparency. To the committee on Public Health.

Fall River,— land.

By Representative Fiola of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4071) of Carole A. Fiola that the secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Fall River to the Fall River Redevelopment Authority. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Non-profits,— fees.

By Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4072) of Shirley B. Arriaga for legislation to exempt non-profits from certain motor vehicle registration fees. To the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Steven Forget,— sick leave.

Representative Higgins of Leominster and Senator Cronin presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Higgins and John J. Cronin for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Steven Forget, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees on Proposals for Legislative Amendments to the Constitution.

Agricultural and horticultural lands.

The committee on Revenue, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 11) of Joanne M. Comerford for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agricultural and horticultural lands,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see Senate, No. 11), ought to pass. The report was read and placed on file, in accordance with the requirements of said rule.

Income tax,— cap.

The committee on Revenue, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 12) of Bruce E. Tarr for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to cap the state income tax,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see Senate, No. 12), ought NOT to pass [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Rainy day funds.

The same committee, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 13) of Bruce E. Tarr for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see Senate, No. 13), ought NOT to pass [Senator Fattman dissenting].

The reports were severally read and placed on file, in accordance with the requirements of said rule.

Under the provisions of Joint Rule 23, the following proposals were placed on file, the time within which the said committees were required to report having expired:—

Of the committee on Election Laws, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 23):

On the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 6) of James B. Eldridge for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to establish an independent redistricting commission; Redistricting,—commission.

On the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 7) of Liz Miranda for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to voting rights; Voting rights,—felons.

On the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 8) of Paul W. Mark for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to campaign finance reform; and Campaign finance reform.

On the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 63) of Erika Uyterhoeven and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to voting rights of certain persons incarcerated in correctional facilities due to felony convictions; Voting rights.

Of the committee on Housing, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 23), on the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 65) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the right to housing; Housing rights.

Of the committee on the Judiciary, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 23):

On the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 9) of Vincent Dixon, for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for term renewal process; Judges,—term renewal.

On the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 10) of Paul W. Mark for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to define the succession plan for a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor; Lt. Governor,—succession plan.

On the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 64) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to establish a right to health care; Health care.

On the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 66) of Kate Donaghue for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the oaths and affirmations of public office; Public office,—oaths.

On the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 67) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to prohibiting eminent domain takings; Eminent domain,—prohibit.

On the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 68) of Paul McMurtry for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to changing the mandatory age of retirement for judges; and Judges,—retirement.

On the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 69) of Susannah M. Whipps and Francisco E. Paulino for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to a succession plan for a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant-Governor; Lieutenant Governor,—vacancy.

Of the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 23), on the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 70) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to a Constitutional right to employable skills training; and Employable skills training.

Of the committee on Revenue, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 23), on the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 71) of Natalie M. Blais, Hannah Kane and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agricultural and horticultural lands. Agricultural and horticultural lands.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Monday, May 5, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Whitinsville Christian School students.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, seventh graders from the Whitinsville Christian School. They were the guests of Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Fattman.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Vesak Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Gentile and other members of the House) honoring the Buddhist community of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in commemorating Vesak Day of 2025;

Joshua Bailow.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Joshua Robert Bailow on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Siddhanth Rao.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Siddhanth Rao on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

David Sheedy.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and Plouffe of Brockton) recognizing David Sheedy on his years of service to the town of East Bridgewater;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Transitional aid.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2(B)(g) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its report entitled: Standard Budgets of Assistance for Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children;

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 (B)(s) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Photo Requirements Exemptions; EBT photo requirement exceptions.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from February 20, 2025 to March 19, 2025; Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the March 19, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and Emergency housing assistance.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see item 4401-1003 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report entitled: 2-Gen Economic Mobility Programs report; Economic mobility programs.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4073) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to medical debt reporting and collection. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Medical debt reporting.

By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4074) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to zoning for single family and multi-family housing for veterans. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Zoning,— veteran housing.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4075) of Manny Cruz relative to enhancing emergency infant care response; Emergency infant care.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4076) of Leigh Davis for an investigation by a special commission relative to emergency medical services; Medical services,— study.

By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4077) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to retrofitting accessibility for all medical facilities; and Medical facilities,— accessibility.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4078) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to early detection and treatment of patients with sepsis. Sepsis,— treatment.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4079) of Kip A. Diggs relative to public retirees and reforming post-retirement employment and earnings limits. To the committee on Public Service. Retirees,— earnings.

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4080) of Michelle L. Ciccolo for legislation to increase airplane fuel taxes; Airplane fuel tax.

By Representatives LeBoeuf of Worcester and Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4081) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Patricia A. Duffy relative to taxation and fire safety of problem properties, so-called; Properties,— fire safety.

Septic tax credit.

By Representative Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4082) of David T. Vieira relative to a refundable Title 5 septic tax credit; and

Bourne Bridge.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4083) of David T. Vieira relative to the replacement of the Bourne Bridge by a transfer of income surtax revenue.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

988 system,—surcharge.

By Representatives Vitolo of Brookline and Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4084) of Tommy Vitolo and Jack Patrick Lewis relative to a surcharge on the 988 system. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Arts license plate.

By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4085) of Christopher Richard Flanagan that the Registry of Motor Vehicles be authorized to issue distinctive license plates for the establishment of a fund to support the arts;

Stormwater,—study.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4086) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to a study of stormwater engineering to protect habitats along state highways;

Traffic safety.

By Representative Ramos of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4087) of Orlando Ramos relative to traffic safety at intersections; and

Disabled veterans,—definition.

By Representative Reyes of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4088) of Estela A. Reyes for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to modernizing the language defining disabled veterans pursuant to registry of motor vehicle laws.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Milton,—liquor licenses.

By Representative Wells of Milton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4089) of Richard G. Wells, Jr., (by vote of the town) that the town of Milton be authorized to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Boston,—district city councilor.

By Representative Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4090) of Chynah Tyler (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the office of district councilor in the city of Boston. To the committee on Election Laws.

Salem,—rodenticides.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4091) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to prohibit the use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides in said city. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Boston,—Chris Glaropoulos.

By Representative Madaro of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4092) of Adrian C. Madaro (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Chris Glaropoulos as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Boston,—police age.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4093) of Adrian C. Madaro (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the appointment of police officers in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirements.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Milton,—

By Representative Wells of Milton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4094) of Richard G. Wells, Jr., (by vote of the town) relative to the establishment of

a means-tested senior property tax exemption in the town of Milton. To the committee on Revenue. senior property taxes.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Shand of Newburyport presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dawne Shand for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Daniel Yender, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Daniel Yender,— sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Elliott of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rodney M. Elliott that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to grant easements in certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell; and Lowell,— land.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day relative to the manufacture and sale of toxic-free medical devices. Public Health. Toxic-free medical devices.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2511) of Liz Miranda (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the office of district councilor in the city of Boston, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws. Boston,— district councilor.

Report of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mark Kratman, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouelette of Westport, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Mark Kratman,— sick leave.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Chelsea High School AVID.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the Chelsea High School Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. They were guests of Representative Garcia of Chelsea.

Espirito Santo School.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, seventh and eighth grade students from the Espirito Santo School in Fall River, and their chaperones Andrew Raposo and Katelyn Raposo. They were guests of Representative Ouellette of Westport.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Gregory Burns.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Jones of North Reading and Haggerty of Woburn) congratulating Fire Chief Gregory Burns of the town of Reading on his retirement;

Thomas Brow.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Ouellette of Westport) congratulating Thomas Brow on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Michael Mosher.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Ouellette of Westport) congratulating Michael Mosher on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Specialty courts.

From the Executive Office of the Trial Court (see item 0330-0601 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report of specialty court funding;

From the Office of the State Auditor (see item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its second quarter fiscal year 2025 report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024; and

Bureau of Special Investigations.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 7001-0101 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Shared Services report for fiscal year 2025;

Shared services.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual, Monthly and Special Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the State Lottery Charitable Gaming Division (under Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) for calendar year 2024;

Charitable gaming.

Of the Cannabis Control Commission (under Section 18 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) relative to the number, summary and costs of performed audits for fiscal year 2025 [copy of said report was forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, as required by said law]; and

Cannabis audits.

Of the Office of the Child Advocate (under Section 89 of Chapter 119 of the General Laws) submitting the Juvenile Justice Policy Data Board (JJPAD) annual report for fiscal year 2024; and

Juvenile justice policy.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for February, 2025; and

Net state tax revenue.

Reports

Of the Department of Transitional Assistance (under Sections 2(B) and 5 of Chapter 18 and Section 3C(d) of Chapter 118 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: "Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Consolidated Report" for calendar year 2024 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law];

Transitional aid.

Of the Office of the Comptroller (under item 1595-6232 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the transfer schedule for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) for fiscal year 2025; and

Clean Energy Center.

Of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 2 of Chapter 214 of the Acts of 2024) providing a report on an expenditure in funds from the Commonwealth Federal Matching and Debt Reduction Fund;

Federal matching and debt reduction.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4095) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Conway be authorized to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for residents of said town aged 16 and 17 years old;

Conway,— voting rights.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4096) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Northampton to authorize residents sixteen years or age or older to vote in preliminary and city elections;

Northampton,— voting rights.

Id.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4097) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Northampton to authorize resident non-citizens to vote in preliminary and city elections; and

Northampton,— ranked choice voting.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4098) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to ranked choice voting in the city of Northampton.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Northampton,— broker's fees.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4099) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Northampton be authorized to prohibit landlords and brokers from requiring broker's commissions to be paid by tenants or prospective tenants. To the committee on Housing.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

Constitutional convention.

Ordered, That, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, a joint session of the two Houses be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering proposals for amendments to the Constitution.

Insofar as applicable, the special rules of procedure, in effect in the preceding General Court shall govern said joint session, and any further joint sessions called for the purpose of considering amendments to the Constitution.

Foxborough,— MBTA service.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael F. Rush, Paul McMurtry and John H. Rogers for legislation to extend MBTA service of The Ride to the town of Foxborough, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2513) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Dracut Water Supply District.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to authorize the Dracut Water Supply District to sell water to certain communities. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Steven Forget,— sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Natalie M. Higgins and John J. Cronin for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Steven Forget, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. To the committee on Public Service.

Revenue,— gaming.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Barbara Kellogg relative to the distribution of certain gaming revenue. To the committee on Revenue.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Garcia of Chelsea, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, May 12, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Sacred Heart School students.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, fourth graders from the Sacred Heart School in Weymouth, and their teachers, Janice Kerns and Courtney Witham. They were the guests of Representative Murphy of Weymouth.

Duxbury High School cheerleaders.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Duxbury High School large co-ed division cheerleading state champions. They were the guests of Representative Sweezey of Duxbury.

Communications.

Communications

Supplier diversity.

From the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (see Section 6 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting its Supplier Diversity – Affirmative Marketing Program for Design and Construction annual report for fiscal year 2024 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, and the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, as required by said law];

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the April 7, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Working training.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the monthly Working Training for Emergency Assistance Residents report for April, 2025;

Corporations,—dissolution.

From the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (see item 0511-0002 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report relative to the Corporations Division dissolution program for fiscal year 2025;

MBTA fare-free buses.

From the Department of Transportation (see item 1595-6369 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the MBTA Fare-Free Bus Report for fiscal year 2025; and

From the Office for Refugees and Immigrants (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report as of March, 2025; Resettlement Agency.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual, Quarterly and Special Reports.

The annual report of the Department of Energy Resources (under Section 10(f) of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting the Division of Green Communities 2024 annual report; and Green Communities.

Quarterly reports

Of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025; Plymouth County Correctional Facility.

Of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (under item 1107-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its fiscal year 2025 third quarterly report for the period of January-March, 2025; and Disabled persons.

A report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 27 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report from the Massachusetts Rest Home Task Force; Rest home task force.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4106) of Leigh Davis and Natalie M. Blais for legislation to establish a farm-to-institution pilot program. To the committee on Agriculture. Farm-to-institution pilot program.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4107) of Leigh Davis relative to CPR training in schools and the promotion of careers in emergency medical services. To the committee on Education. Emergency medical service,—careers.

By Representative Donaghue of Westborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4108) of Kate Donaghue relative to the death of candidates running for public office. To the committee on Election Laws. Candidates,—death.

By Representatives Hendricks of New Bedford and Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4109) of Christopher Hendricks relative to relocating certain harbor lines in New Bedford Harbor; New Bedford,—harbor lines.

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4110) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to the North River Commission; and North River Commission.

By Representative Ramos of North Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4111) of Adrianne Pusateri Ramos and Sally P. Kerans for legislation to create a battery recycling program. Battery recycling.

Severally to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

By Representative Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4112) of Kate Hogan that a fee on homeowners insurance policies be used to fund firefighting water supplies and a state cistern program. To the committee on Financial Services. Homeowners insurance,—water.

By Representatives Nguyen of Andover and Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4113) of Tram T. Nguyen and Christine P. Barber relative to addressing sexual misconduct by certain higher education employees. To the committee on Higher Education. Higher education,— sexual misconduct.

By Representatives Holmes of Boston and Williams of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4114) of Russell E. Holmes and Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to unsolved homicides; and Unsolved homicides.

By Representative Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4115) of Danillo A. Sena relative to immigration reporting and the right to legal counsel. Legal counsel and immigration.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Representative Mendes of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4116) of Rita A. Mendes relative to building permits and job site safety; and Building permits.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4117) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to arbitration for teachers. Teachers,— arbitration.

Severally to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4118) of Leigh Davis for legislation to establish an emergency medical services treatment-in-place pilot program; Treatment-in-place pilot program.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4119) of Leigh Davis for legislation to establish an emergency medical services licensure compact; Emergency medical services.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4120) of Leigh Davis relative to emergency medical services; Id.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4121) of Paul McMurtry relative to primary care physician loan repayment program; and Primary care physicians,— loan repayment.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4122) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to deceptive trade practices for emergency contraceptives and medical abortion. Deceptive trade,— abortion, etc.

Severally to the committee on Public Health.

By Representatives Donaghue of Westborough and Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4123) of Kate Donaghue and Andres X. Vargas relative to the distribution of opioid antagonists at correctional facilities; Corrections,— opioid antagonists.

By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4124) of Jack Patrick Lewis and Samantha Montaño relative to role-playing games in correctional facilities; and Correctional facilities,— games.

By Representative Uyterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4125) of Erika Uyterhoeven and Christopher J. Worrell for legislation to improve food safety and quality in Department of Correction facilities. Correctional facilities,— food.

Severally to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

By Representative Uyterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4126) of Erika Uyterhoeven for legislation to align public pensions with Massachusetts' net zero future; and Pensions,— net zero.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4127) of Erika Uyterhoeven for legislation to establish a pension innovation fund for intergenerational equity. Pensions,— innovation fund.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4128) of Paul McMurtry for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the threshold amounts for lottery and gambling taxation. To the committee on Revenue. Lottery taxation— study.

By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4129) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the installation of illegal mufflers; Illegal mufflers.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4130) of Leigh Davis for legislation to establish an accelerated bridge program to finance the repair, replacement and maintenance of structurally-deficient bridges through the use of certain bonds; and Accelerated bridge program.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4131) of Paul McMurtry relative to mitigation during department of transportation projects. Transportation,— mitigation.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4132) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to grant legal residents with local voting rights in municipal elections. To the committee on Election Laws. Lexington,— voting rights.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4133) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to regulate the application of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Lexington,— rodenticides.

By Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Owens of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4134) of Marjorie C. Decker and Steven Owens (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to establish an employment and job training trust; Cambridge,— job training.

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4135) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment and management of the town clerk in the town of Arlington; Arlington,— town clerk.

By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4136) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf (by vote of the town) relative to stabilization funds in the town of Leicester; Leicester,— stabilization funds.

By Representatives Linsky of Natick and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4137) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) that the town of Wayland be authorized to establish a millennium fund of the Wayland Free Public Library; Wayland,— library fund.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Creem, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4138) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellesley be authorized to satisfy legal notice requirements by digital publications; Wellesley,— digital legal notices.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4139) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellesley be authorized to dissolve the housing development corporation of said town; and Wellesley,— housing.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4140) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellesley be authorized to increase the 15-mile residency limit to certain non-civil service public safety personnel; Wellesley,— residency.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4141) of John Barrett, III (by the approval of the mayor and city council) North Adams,— special police.

that the city of North Adams be authorized to appoint retired North Adams police officers as special police officers within said city for paid detail assignments; and

Boston,— Jason DeLeon.

By Representative Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4142) of Chynah Tyler (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Jason DeLeon as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Wellesley,— property tax deferrals.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Creem, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4143) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) relative to real property tax deferrals in the town of Wellesley. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Notice was received that the following proposals for legislative amendments to the Constitution had been called for consideration in the Joint Session by the Senate:

Agricultural and horticultural lands.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agricultural and horticultural lands (see Senate, No. 11), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought to pass.

Income tax,— cap.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to cap the state income tax (see Senate, No. 12), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Rainy day funds.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds (see Senate, No. 13) with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Reports of Committees.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4003, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4100) [Total Appropriation: $240,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn), was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

IN JOINT SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

IN JOINT SESSION.

Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

Joint Session.

At two minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the two branches met in

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and were called to order by the Honorable Brendan P. Crighton, who made the following observations:

Pledge of allegiance.

The Chair (Mr. Crighton), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pursuant to an order previously adopted, the two houses are in joint session for the purpose of considering various proposals for amendment to the Constitution. The matters that have been called for consideration are now seasonably laid before the Joint Session in conformity with the provisions of Articles XLVIII (48) and LXXXI (81) of the Constitution.

The following legislative proposals for amendments to the Constitution were seasonably laid before the joint session for consideration:

Agricultural and horticultural lands.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agricultural and horticultural lands (see Senate, No. 11), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought to pass;

Income tax,—cap.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to cap the state income tax (see Senate, No. 12), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass; and

Rainy day funds,—supermajority vote.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution requiring a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds (see Senate, No. 13), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Without further action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, at three minutes past twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Cronin, the joint session was recessed until Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at twelve o'clock noon; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

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THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Energy affordability.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to energy affordability, independence and innovation (House, No. 4144), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, May 13.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Angela Harkness.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arciero of Westford) congratulating Angela Harkness on being named the 2025 Westford Kiwanis Person of the Year;

Cystic Fibrosis awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Biele of Boston and Finn of West Springfield) recognizing the month of May 2025 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month;

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Garcia of Chelsea and other members of the House) recognizing Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis awareness in May 2025;

Wakefield,— monument.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose and Wong of Saugus) commending the town of Wakefield on the occasion of the rededication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument;

Agent Orange.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Pease of Westfield and other members of the House) commending local veterans' organizations and veterans for their efforts to raise awareness and recognize the victims of Agent Orange; and

Eleanor O'Leary.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Philips of Sharon) congratulating Eleanor Jane O'Leary on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (see Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2024; POST Commission.

From the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (see Section 39 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting listing of the Commonwealth's real property holdings and leased property as of February, 2025; Real and leased property.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 35T of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the certification of MBTA Sales Tax Revenues for fiscal year 2025; MBTA,— sales tax revenues.

From the Office of the Dukes County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law]; Dukes County,— technology fund.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the status of federal funds applied for, received and expended for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025; Federal funds.

From the Department of Revenue (see item 1232-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a status report of the Massachusetts Underground Storage; and Underground storage.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 7003-0150 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the PY24-25 Legislative Report: Re-Entry Workforce Development Demonstration Grants; Re-entry workforce grants.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly and Special Reports.

Monthly Reports

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for March, 2025; and Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections; and Permanent rental protections.

A report of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under Section 20D of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its report on the status of child abuse and neglect cases for fiscal year 2024; Child abuse and neglect.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4145) of Mike Connolly (with the approval of the city council) relative to broker fees in the city of Cambridge. To the committee on Housing. Cambridge,— broker fees.

Medford,—charter.

By Representative Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4146) of Paul J. Donato, Christine P. Barber and Sean Garballey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the charter of the city of Medford. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Food labeling.

By Representative Armini of Marblehead (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adrienne Monks relative to labeling food from mRNA-treated animals and aquaculture.

School choice.

By Representative DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David F. DeCoste relative to the school choice tuition amount.

Photovoltaic systems, etc.

By Representative Gaskey of Carver, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John R. Gaskey relative to solar photovoltaic system disconnection, recycling and battery storage.

License suspensions.

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt relative to motor vehicle license suspensions.

Wage act,—violations.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to damages for employees aggrieved by violations of the Massachusetts Wage Act.

Jato Charlotin,—sick leave.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jato Charlotin, an employee of Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Accessory dwelling units.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas for legislation to further regulate zoning for accessory dwelling units.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Supplemental appropriations.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4010), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2514.

Committee of Conference.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and on motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michlewitz of Boston, Ferrante of Gloucester and Smola of Warren were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Id.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Rodrigues, Comerford and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of John F. Keenan for legislation to authorize the State Board of Retirement to grant creditable service to Roberta Wollons, came

from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2518) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul McMurtry relative to arts education programs. To the committee on Education. — Arts education.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James J. O'Day for legislation to authorize a pilot program for the use of psychedelics in certain licensed treatment facilities. To the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. — Psychedelics.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James J. O'Day relative to the manufacture and sale of toxic-free medical devices. To the committee on Public Health. — Toxic-free medical devices.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and Patrick M. O'Connor that the Massachusetts State Board of Retirement be authorized to credit Joseph Suppa with certain creditable service. To the committee on Public Service. — Joseph Suppa,— retirement.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At twenty-six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair. — Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4100), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. — Supplemental appropriations.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. — Bill enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At four minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, May 19, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Joseph Jacobs.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Joseph C. Jacobs for being recognized and honored on Massachusetts Military Appreciation Day;

Skin cancer awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) promoting skin cancer awareness and prevention in Massachusetts in May 2025;

Asthma and allergy awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Decker of Cambridge) recognizing May 2025 as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month in Massachusetts; and

Brain tumor awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Giannino of Revere and other members of the House) commending the National Brain Tumor Society Inc. for its recognition of May 2025 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Hogan of Stow, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Toxics Use Reduction.

From the Department of Environmental Protection (see Section 3 of Chapter 21I of the General Laws) submitting its Toxics Use Reduction Information release for calendar year 2023;

Gaming and sports wagering.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through December, 2024;

Nantucket County,—technology fund.

From the Office of the Nantucket County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 2A of Chapter 38 of the General Laws) submitting its Child Fatality Review annual report for fiscal year 2024; Children,— fatalities.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from March 20, 2025 to April 17, 2025; Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the April 22, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; Emergency housing assistance.

From the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (see item 0800-0000 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) addressing provision (iii) of its annual report for fiscal year 2024; POST Commission.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-2040 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025; Paid prior year deficiency.

From the Department of Environmental Protection (see item 2210-0106 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report related to the implementation of the Toxics Use Reduction Act; and Toxics Use Reduction.

From the Department of Transportation (see item 1596-2406 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the final report of the MBTA Fare Free Pilot Program for regional transit authorities; MBTA,— RTA fare free program.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4148) of Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to lawful noncitizen permanent resident voting in the town of Shutesbury. To the committee on Election Laws. Shutesbury,— permanent resident voting.

By Representative Cahill of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4149) of Daniel Cahill (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the charter in the city of Lynn. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Lynn,— charter.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian M. Ashe for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System to grant credible service to Sara Scibelli. Sara Scibelli,— creditable service.

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to family support and poverty alleviation. Poverty alleviation.

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt relative to food dyes. Food dyes.

By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jack Patrick Lewis relative to pro-rated creditable service. Pro-rated creditable service.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to exempt employees of charitable organizations from certain mortgage loan licensure requirements. Mortgage loan licensure requirements.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Setera, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2508) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Andrew Setera,— sick leave.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2517) of Kelly A. Dooner (by vote of the town) for legislation to dissolve the North Carver water district, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

North Carver water district.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William F. MacGregor for legislation to regulate social media feeds. To the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

Social media,— regulation.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to providing municipal notices to the public of hazardous waste sites. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Hazardous waste sites.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to prohibiting sex offenders from entering public or private school property for any reason. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Schools,— sex offenders.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Amy Mah Sangiolo relative to historic districts and commissions. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Historic districts.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tributes.

Louis P. Bertonazzi.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Mr. Murray of Milford, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi, who was a committed public servant that dedicated many years to town and state government.

Senator Bertonazzi was a former member of the Milford Board of Selectmen, serving for three years as chair, and member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he was the first Chairman of the Committee on Health Care. Senator Bertonazzi then served as a member of the Senate, as a member of the Post Audit and Oversight Committee, as Assistant Majority Whip as well as Majority Whip, before becoming the Senate Majority Leader.

Upon retirement, he completed his state service as Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services. As a member of the General Court, he authored major legislation which addressed health care cost containment, drunk driving reform, certification of emergency medical services, establishment of cancer registries, ambulance safety, public access to physician profiles and recodification of the dental practice act.

Evelyn Chesky.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Duffy of Holyoke and Gómez of Easthampton, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for former Representative Evelyn Chesky of South Hadley, who passed away peacefully on May 19th, 2025, at the age of 91, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on August 20, 1933, in Chicopee, MA, to Maximilian and Adata Gawron. After graduating from Chicopee High School, she and her husband, Carl, raised four children in Holyoke.

Evelyn was appointed as a Holyoke Commissioner of Public Works, then elected to serve as a member of the Holyoke Board of Aldermen, and then as the first woman to represent the 5th Hampden District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1993 to 2001. During her political career, she was known for her strong leadership, fierce advocacy, and pioneering role as a female politician.

Evelyn cherished life and was deeply devoted to her family. She loved Polish holiday traditions, music, long walks, playing word games and puzzles, and most of all, being "Babci". Evelyn is survived by her children, cherished grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Representative-elect Hannah L. Bowen,— qualification.

Ordered, That a special committee of the House be appointed to escort Representative-elect Hannah L. Bowen of Beverly to the Governor's Ceremonial Office to be qualified. Representatives Fiola of Fall River, Garballey of Arlington, Peisch of Wellesley, Donato of Medford, Gregoire of Marlborough and Wong of Saugus were appointed the committee.

Special Communication.

The following communication, together with returns of votes and schedules therein referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

May 21, 2025.

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

Returns of votes for Representative in the Sixth Essex District.

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the special election held in this Commonwealth on thirteenth day of May, 2025 for Representative in General Court, Sixth Essex District, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The communication was read; and, there being no objection, it was placed on file.

Member Qualified.

Representative Hannah L. Bowen,— qualification.

The Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) announced that the special committee of the House appointed relative to the qualification of Hannah L. Bowen of Beverly, member-elect from the Sixth Essex District, had reported that Representative Bowen had taken and subscribed the necessary oath of office, and was now duly qualified as a member of the House of Representatives.

Representative Bowen was assigned seat No. 131 by the Speaker.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Ferrante of Gloucester and Fluker-Reid of Boston had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Guests of the House.

Marblehead Community Charter Public School.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the Marblehead Community Charter Public School. They were guests of Representative Armini of Marblehead.

Saint Bridget School.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, students from the Saint Bridget School in Framingham. They were guests of Representatives Lewis of Framingham, Sousa of Framingham and Gentile of Sudbury.

Reports of Committees.

Andrew Setera,— sick leave.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Setera, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2508), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Recesses.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at thirteen minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

The House thereupon took a further recess, subject to the call of the Chair, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading; and at twenty-seven minutes after three o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Supplemental appropriations.

Prior to the noon recess, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4003, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4150) [Total appropriation: $529,832,564.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn), was read a third time.

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Peisch of Wellesley and other members of the House moved to amend it by inserting after section 11 the following 6 sections:

"SECTION 11A. Section 1B of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the thirteenth paragraph the following paragraph:

The board shall ensure meaningful communication between school personnel and parents and legal guardians of all students receiving educational services pursuant to this chapter, chapter 71, 71A, 71B or 74. The board shall ensure that interpreters and translators used in public school settings are bilingual, have knowledge in both languages of any specialized terms or concepts to be used in the communication at issue and that interpreters are trained on the role of an interpreter and translator, the ethics of interpreting and translating and the need to maintain confidentiality.

SECTION 11B. Section 4 of chapter 71A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'component.', in line 13, the following words: Each district shall, within a reasonable amount of time, ensure that any academic deficits for a student that are a result of focusing on English language acquisition are addressed.

SECTION 11C. Section 5 of said chapter 71A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

(c) School districts shall not recommend that parents or legal guardians decline all or some services within an English learner program for any reason, including, but not limited to, facilitating scheduling of special education services or other scheduling reasons.

SECTION 11D. Section 3 of chapter 71B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'development.', in line 145, the following 4 sentences: When conducting an evaluation for a child who is an English learner, as defined in section 2 of chapter 71A, school committees shall consider the English language proficiency of the student. Assessments and other evaluation materials used to evaluate the child shall be provided and administered in the child's primary language and in the form most likely to yield accurate information on what the child knows and can do academically, developmentally and functionally. The Individualized Education Program team convened for an English learner shall include 1 or more participants with the following: (i) a requisite knowledge of the student's language needs; (ii) training and expertise in second language acquisition; and (iii) an understanding of how to differentiate between the student's limited English proficiency and the student's disability. Whenever an evaluation indicates that a child who is an English learner is also a school aged child with a disability, the Individualized Education Program team shall ensure that the Individualized Education Program includes services to meet both the English language and special education needs of the child.

SECTION 11E. The ninth paragraph of said section 3 of said chapter 71B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence: The department shall promulgate regulations to continue in effect and enforce the provisions of 20 USC sec.1415(k) in effect on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 11F. Section 5 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'origin', in line 11, the following words: , immigration or citizenship status, disability."; and

By adding the following section:

"SECTION 46 [sic]. The department of elementary and secondary education and the board of education shall update regulations, as necessary, consistent with sections 11A to 11F, inclusive.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 150 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

Amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 49.

[See Yea and Nay No. 49 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Rogers of Cambridge and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 22 the following 3 sections:

"SECTION 22A. Section 131M of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as amended by section 71 of chapter 135 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (e) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(e) This section shall not apply to transfer or possession by: (i) a qualified law enforcement officer or a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, 18 U.S.C. sections 926B and 926C, respectively, as amended; (ii) a law enforcement officer as defined in section 1 of chapter 6E; (iii) a federal, state or local law enforcement agency; or (iv) a federally licensed manufacturer solely for sale or transfer in another state or for export.

SECTION 22B. Section 10 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as amended by section 122 of said chapter 135 is hereby further amended by striking out the words 'or a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, 18 U.S.C. sections 926B and 926C, respectively, as amended' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- , a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, 18 U.S.C. sections 926B and 926C, respectively, as amended or a law enforcement officer as defined in section 1 of chapter 6E.

SECTION 22C. Subsection (k) of said section 10 of said chapter 269, as inserted by section 124 of said chapter 135, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (5) and inserting in its place thereof the following paragraph:

(5) This subsection shall not apply to a law enforcement officer as defined in section 1 of chapter 6E a qualified law enforcement officer or a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, 18 U.S.C. sections 926B and 926C, respectively, as amended or to a security guard employed at the prohibited area while at the location of their employment and during the course of their employment. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit the authority of any municipality, county or department, division, commission, board, agency or court of the commonwealth to adopt policies further restricting the possession of firearms in areas under their control.".

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 151 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Amendment adopted,— yea and nay No. 50.

[See Yea and Nay No. 50 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2 by inserting after item 4400-1004 the following 2 items:

Consolidated amendments.

"4405-2000 State Supplement to the Social Security Income program……$3,000,000

4408-1000 Emergency Aid to Elderly, Disabled and Children … $1,000,000";

In section 2A by inserting after item 1599-1777 the following 2 items:

"1599-1778 For a reserve to support the creation of the Brooke House in

Mattapan by 2Life Development Inc.; provided, that the Brooke House shall create and maintain not less than 127 units of senior housing; provided further, that the housing shall be reserved for seniors with incomes of not more than 60 per cent of the area median income; provided further, that the Brooke House shall include space for the Shattuck Child Care Center; and provided further, that the Brooke House shall include space for a community health care center that shall provide services to the broader community .....…….$2,000,000

1599-1779 For a transfer to the Fair Housing Fund established in section 2JJJJJJ chapter 29 of the General Laws……....$1,000,000";

By inserting after section 4 the following section:

"SECTION 4A. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 35M the following section:

Section 35M1/2. (a) There shall be established upon the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Medical Peer Support Trust Fund to be used, without prior appropriation, by the physician health program authorized by the board of registration in medicine pursuant to section 5 of chapter 112 and 243 CMR 2.07(23)(b) as a diversionary program.

(b) The Medical Peer Support Trust Fund shall be financed by a surcharge of not more than $50 on each full license renewal or issuance of a new full license to be collected by the board of registration in medicine for every physician licensed under section 2 of said chapter 112 in addition to other license fees. All money deposited into the fund shall be expended exclusively by the physician health program pursuant to said section 5 of said chapter 112 and said 243 CMR 2.07(23)(b) for its operations and administration and shall not be subject to appropriation by the general court.";

By inserting after section 17 the following section:

"SECTION 17A. Subsection (c) of section 34E of chapter 92 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 35 to 45, inclusive, the words "1 member to be appointed by a majority vote of the senator for the Second Suffolk and Middlesex district, the senator for the Middlesex and Suffolk district, the representative for the Seventeenth Suffolk district and the representative for the Eighteenth Suffolk district, who shall serve as chair; 2 members to be appointed by the senator for the Second Suffolk and Middlesex district; 2 members to be appointed by the senator for the Middlesex and Suffolk district; 2 members to be appointed by the representative for the Seventeenth Suffolk district; and 2 members to be appointed by the representative for the Eighteenth Suffolk district." and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 3 members to be appointed by the senator for the Suffolk and Middlesex district; 3 members to be appointed by the representative for the Seventeenth Suffolk district; and 3 members to be appointed by the representative for the Eighteenth Suffolk district.";

By inserting after section 22C (inserted by amendment) the following section:

"SECTION 22D. Subsection (d) of section 149 of chapter 135 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'March 1, 2025' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- December 31, 2025.";

By inserting after section 23 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 23A. Item 4405-2000 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'provided further, that rates for residential care facilities and rest homes effective July 1, 2024, established under section 13D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, shall cumulatively total not less than rates effective January 1, 2024' and inserting in place thereof the following

words:- provided further, that rates for residential care facilities and rest homes effective July 1, 2024, established under section 13D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, shall cumulatively total not less than $3,000,000 more than rates effective January 1, 2024.

SECTION 23B. Item 4408-1000 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'provided further, that rates for residential care facilities and rest homes effective July 1, 2024, established under section 13D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, shall cumulatively total not less than rates effective January 1, 2024' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- provided further, that rates for residential care facilities and rest homes effective July 1, 2024, established under section 13D of chapter 118E of the General Laws, shall cumulatively total not less than $1,000,000 more than rates effective January 1, 2024.";

By inserting after section 32 the following 2 sections:—

SECTION 32A. Subsection (d) of section 303 of chapter 238 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out the figure "2025" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 2026.

SECTION 32B. Subsection (b) of section 98 of chapter 239 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out the words "The schedule shall ensure that the distribution companies enter into cost-effective long-term contracts for energy storage systems equal to approximately 5,000 megawatts not later than July 31, 2030, of which: (i) approximately 1,500 megawatts of mid-duration storage shall be procured by July 31, 2025, and shall be for environmental attributes only; (ii) approximately 1,000 megawatts of mid-duration storage shall be procured by July 31, 2026; (iii) approximately 1,000 megawatts of mid-duration storage shall be procured by July 31, 2027; and (iv) all remaining energy storage systems capacity shall be procured by July 31, 2030. Each procurement shall consider inclusion of environmental attributes, energy services or a combination of both; provided, however, that the procurement of 1,500 megawatts of mid-duration storage by July 31, 2025 shall be for environmental attributes only.";

By inserting after section 33 the following section:

"SECTION 33A. Subsection (d) of section 36 of chapter 285 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'June 30, 2025' and inserting in place thereof the following words:- March 30, 2026."; and

In section 46 by striking out the figures: "46" (inserted by amendment) and inserting in place thereof the figures: "40".

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 51.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 149 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 51 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nay, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 149 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 52 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4151, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Representatives Duffy of Holyoke and Gómez of Easthampton then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Evelyn B. Chesky, a member of the House from Holyoke from 1993 to 2000, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at ten minutes after six o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 22, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Fluker-Reid of Boston.

A statement of Mrs. Fluker-Reid of Boston was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Mrs. Fluker-Reid of Boston.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House that I was unavailable to participate for a portion of Wednesday's session due to a medical condition. Had I been available for roll call Nos. 51 and 52, I would have voted in the affirmative in both instances.

My missing of roll calls that day was entirely due to the reason stated.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Medford,—master plans.

By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4152) of Christine P. Barber and Sean Garballey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Medford be authorized to require the adoption of institutional master plans subject to the review and approval by said city;

Somerville,—charter.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4153) of Christine P. Barber (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to establishing a charter for the city of Somerville; and

Richmond—library.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4154) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) relative to the town of Richmond Free Public Library.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Mental health counselors,—board.

By Representative Badger of Plymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger for legislation to establish to a board of registration of licensed mental health counselors.

Roslindale,—O'Connell courts.

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rob Consalvo that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to designate the tennis courts located in Weider Park in the Roslindale section of the city of Boston as the Kim O'Connell tennis courts.

By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to a municipal tax amnesty program. Municipal tax amnesty.

By Representative Kerans of Danvers, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sally P. Kerans relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus. Congenital cytomegalovirus.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to credit card surcharges. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Credit card surcharges.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the penalties for protests intentionally blocking or preventing access to a public roadway or highway. To the committee on the Judiciary. Protests,—public roadways.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Mr. Murray of Milford then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Louis P. Bertonazzi, a member of the House from Milford in 1969 to 1978, inclusive, and a member of the Senate from 1978 to 1995, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Changes in Joint Standing Committees.

The Speaker announced, under the provisions of House Rule 18A, that he had made the following changes and appointments to joint standing committees:

Joint standing committees.

That Representative Whipps of Athol has been relieved of duty (at her own request) from the committee on Housing, and that Representative Bowen of Beverly has been appointed to the third position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Representative Donato of Medford has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, and that Representative Bowen of Beverly has been appointed to the seventh position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Representative Donato of Medford has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, and that Representative Bowen of Beverly has been appointed to the eighth position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

That Representative O'Day of West Boylston has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Transportation, and that Representative Bowen of Beverly has been appointed to the fourth position on said committee to fill the vacancy.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

Early education and care.

That Representative Plouffe of Brockton had been appointed (under the provisions of Section 79 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) to the Early Education and Care Workforce Council established to make recommendations on improving and enhancing professional development and higher education opportunities necessary for the growth and stability of a high quality early education and care workforce, replacing Representative Barber of Somerville; and

Water infrastructure.

That Representative Barber of Somerville had been appointed (under the provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 21A of the General Laws) to the Water Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representative Kane of Shrewsbury had been appointed (under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Resolves of 2016 and most recently revived and continued by Section 308 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) to the special commission on local and regional public health to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of municipal and regional public health systems and to make recommendations regarding how to strengthen the delivery of public health services and preventive measures; Local and regional health.

That Representative Sweezey of Duxbury had been appointed (under the provisions of Section 4C of Chapter 21A of the General Laws) to the ocean advisory commission to assist the secretary in developing the ocean management plan, replacing former Representative Mathew J. Muratore of Plymouth; and Ocean management.

That he had appointed Marci Bailey of Rockport (under the provisions of Section 35OOO of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) to the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council. Opioid recovery and remediation.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024; Comptroller,—financial report.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the monthly Working Training for Emergency Assistance Residents report for May, 2025; Working Training.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Settlements and Judgements for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025; Settlements and judgements.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 99 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its annual report on the Regional Transit Authority Performance Management Program and RTA Performance Progress Report for fiscal year 2024; Regional transit,—performance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the May 1, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and Emergency housing assistance.

From the Office for Refugees and Immigrants (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report for April, 2025; Resettlement.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Reports

Of the Water Resources Commission (under Section 8C of Chapter 21 of the General Laws and 313 CMR 4.11(3)) relative to the approval of the Lynnfield Center Water District request for an Interbasin Transfer to purchase water from the town of Wakefield; Lynnfield,—interbasin transfer.

Of the Water Resources Commission (under Section 8C of Chapter 21 of the General Laws and 313 CMR 4.11(3)) relative to the decision on an amendment to the conditions that the town of Plainville is subject to under a 2004 Interbasin Transfer Act decision; Plainville,—interbasin transfer.

Of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 12A of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting the Office of Medicaid's MassHealth Direct Negotiations Legislative report for fiscal year 2024; and MassHealth,—direct negotiations.

Of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (under Section 4 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2021) on the financing of the reconstruction of the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Holyoke; Holyoke,—veterans home.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Finn of West Springfield and Senator Velis, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4155) of Michael J. Finn (with the approval of the mayor and town council) that the city known as the town of West Springfield be authorized to grant 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. West Springfield,—liquor licenses.

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4156) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) for legislation to establish a charter for the city of Cambridge; Cambridge,—charter.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4157) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) for legislation to further regulate procurements by the city of Cambridge; and Cambridge,—procurements.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4158) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Weston be authorized to expand its select board from three to five members. Weston,—select board.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Roy of Franklin presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to legal protections for victims of childhood sexual abuse; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Abuse prevention.

Papers from the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

April 29, 2025.

Honorable Timothy Carroll
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate made the following appointments:

Senators Robyn K. Kennedy and Nick Collins (pursuant to Section 42 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) to the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission; — Ireland trade commission.

Jessica Roscio (pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) to the permanent Art Commission; — Permanent Art Commission.

Senator Cynthia Stone Creem (pursuant to Section 213 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) to the special commission to conduct a comprehensive study relative to current law and practice around the collection of delinquent property tax revenue by cities and towns; — Delinquent property taxes.

Senator Barry Finegold (pursuant to Section 68 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee; — Gaming policy.

Senator Nick Collins (pursuant to Section 70 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Metropolitan Beaches Commission; — Metropolitan beaches.

Senator Barry R. Finegold (pursuant to Section 305 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) to the Special Working Group on Youth Sports. — Youth Sports Working Group.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL D. HURLEY,
Clerk of the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

April 29, 2025.

Honorable Timothy Carroll
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader of the Senate made the following commission appointment:

Senator Ryan C. Fattman (pursuant to Section 305 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) to the Special Working Group on Youth Sports; — Youth Sports Working Group.

Senator Peter J. Durant (pursuant to Section 126 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024) to the special commission to study and make recommendations on creating affordable and healthy senior housing; — Senior housing.

Andrew DeFranza, executive director of Harborlight Homes (pursuant to Section 128 of chapter 150 of the acts of 2024) to the special commission to study and make recommendations on expanding the supply of housing available and affordable to tenants with a household income of not more than 30 percent of the area median income, adjusted for household size, as periodically determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; — Housing supply.

Wayne Capolupo (pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) to the embodied carbon intergovernmental coordinating council; — Embodied Carbon council.

Senator Patrick M. O'Connor (under Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 2024) to the special commission to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a statewide — Cabo Verdean cultural center.

Massachusetts Cabo Verdean cultural center in the city of Boston to represent the over 200 years of Cabo Verdeans in the commonwealth; and

Xylazine.

Ernie Gates (under Section 36 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) to the special commission to study and make recommendations on ways to address the public health and safety concerns posed by the proliferation of xylazine as an additive to illicit drugs, including but not limited to, fentanyl.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL D. HURLEY,
Clerk of the Senate.

Animals,— cruelty.

A report of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1190) of Mark C. Montigny, John F. Keenan, Michael O. Moore, Michael D. Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation to enhance the issuance of citations for cruel conditions for animals,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Health care,— protections.

A petition of Cindy F. Friedman and Andrea Joy Campbell, Attorney General for legislation to strengthen health care protections in the Commonwealth, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2522) was referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate its action.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Charter schools,— admissions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish an opt-out admissions lottery process for charter schools. To the committee on Education.

Schools,— tax deductions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to income tax deductions for certain school expenses. To the committee on Revenue.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

Recess.

At two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-nine minutes before two o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At twenty-seven minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 29, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Greene Elementary School students.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, fifth grade students from the William S. Greene Elementary School in Fall River. The group, along with their teachers and chaperones, were guests of Representative Silvia of Fall River.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Concord-Nanae Network.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Gentile of Sudbury and Cataldo of Concord) recognizing the Concord-Nanae Network on its celebration of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the Concord-Nanae sister city relationship;

Hokkaido Prefecture.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Gentile of Sudbury) commending the Commonwealth and Hokkaido Prefecture of Japan on its thirty-fifth sister state relationship; and

Rachel Cronin.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Rachel Cronin on achieving the rank of Eagle of Scouting America;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Facial recognition.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 220 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting the Facial Recognition annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Bureau of Special Investigations.

From the Office of the State Auditor (see item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its third quarter fiscal year 2025 report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025;

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 1596-2418 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the MassReconnect legislative report for fiscal year 2025; MassReconnect.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 1596-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the MassEducate legislative report for fiscal year 2025; MassEducate.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7061-9805 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report entitled: "Tomorrow's Teacher Scholarship and Educator Loan Repayment Program"; Teacher scholarship and loan repayment.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7100-4003 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report on the methodology used to distribute funds to the Hunger Free Campus Pilot Program; and Hunger Free Campus.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the first quarter data report for calendar year 2024; Department of Correction.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

Monthly Reports

Of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for March, 2025; Net state tax revenue.

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for April, 2025; and Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections; Permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4162) of Rob Consalvo relative to insurance coverage for healthcare for ostomy patients. To the committee on Financial Services. Ostomy patients,— insurance.

By Representative Kassner of Hamilton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4163) of Kristin E. Kassner relative to including accessory dwelling units in subsidized housing inventory. To the committee on Housing. Accessory dwelling units.

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4164) of Rob Consalvo relative to lien exposure. To the committee on the Judiciary. Lien exposure.

By Representatives Sena of Acton and Cataldo of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4167) of Danillo A. Sena and Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Acton be authorized to establish a minimum charge for checkout bags in said town; and Acton,— checkout bags.

By the same members, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4168) of Danillo A. Sena and Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Acton be Acton,— police and fire residency.

authorized to increase the residency limit for members of the police and fire departments of said town.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Birth certificates.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4165) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Erika Uyterhoeven relative to parent names on birth certificates. To the committee on Public Health.

Transportation infrastructure.

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4166) of Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to climate adaptation and transportation infrastructure. To the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Milford,— liquor license.

By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4169) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Milford be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Marlborough,— vacancy.

By Representatives Gregoire of Marlborough and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4170) of Danielle W. Gregoire and Carmine Lawrence Gentile (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to a vacancy in the office of ward 7 councilor in the city of Marlborough; and

Milford,— vacancies.

By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4171) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) relative to vacancies among town meeting members in the town of Milford.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Provincetown,— rodenticides.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4172) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Provincetown be authorized to prohibit use or sale of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Provincetown,— fire department.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4175) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to fire department governance in the town of Provincetown;

Provincetown,— town boards.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4176) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to town boards in the town of Provincetown;

Acton,— library.

By Representatives Sena of Acton and Cataldo of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4173) of Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the special legislation establishing the Acton Memorial Library in the town of Acton; and

Ayer,— library.

By Representative Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4174) of Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) relative to the Ayer Library in the town of Ayer.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Lancaster,— civil service.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4177) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to exempt certain positions of the police department in said town from the civil service law; and

Haverhill,— Adam Jankowski.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4178) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Adam T. Jankowski to take the civil service examination for

the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Somerville,—traffic violations.

By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4179) of Christine P. Barber (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to employ automated enforcement of certain traffic violations in said city. To the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Healthcare,—dual eligibility.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day relative to access and continuity of care to specialist and hospital services for dually eligible individuals.

Federal constitutional convention.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to rescind all previous calls for a federal constitutional convention.

License plate,—Legion of Merit.

By Representative Smola of Warren, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to create a Legion of Merit motor vehicle license plate.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

General Appropriation Bill.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4001), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2525.

Committee of conference.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michlewitz, Ferrante of Gloucester and Smola of Warren were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Id.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Rodrigues, Comerford and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Supplemental appropriations.

A Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (Senate, No. 2521) (on a part of House, No. 4151), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second and (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Neuro-psychological evaluations.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry that the Department of Developmental Services consider neuropsychological evaluations of certain persons with intellectual disabilities. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Pharmacists.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the rights of pharmacists to participate as preferred health care providers. To the committee on Financial Services.

Jato Charlotin,— sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jato Charlotin, an employee of Massachusetts Department of Transportation. To the committee on Public Service.

Lowell,— land.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Rodney M. Elliott that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to grant easements in certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Moakley of Falmouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Group therapeutic care.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 377) of Jessica Ann Giannino relative to group therapeutic care services and the establishment of a board of certification of group therapeutic specialists,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cannabis laws.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on House, Nos. 143, 146, 148, 149, 155, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 168, 169, 170, 171, 173, 174, 179, 182, 183, 192 and 194, a Bill modernizing the commonwealth's cannabis laws (House, No. 4160). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Kendra Winner,— sick leave.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kendra Winner (House, No. 2798).

Dana Johnson,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Dana Johnson (House, No. 4032).

Steven Forget,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Steven Forget, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (House, No. 4103).

Daniel Yender,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel Yender, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4104).

Mark Kratman,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4102, a Bill relative to a sick leave bank for Mark Kratman, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4161).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston for said committee then reported, in each instance, that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of the same member, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Emergency Measure.

Supplemental appropriations.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see Senate, No. 2521), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, June 2, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Scituate,—liquor licenses.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) authorizing the town of Scituate to grant four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4184), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, May 30.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Guests of the House.

Morse Elementary School.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the Morse Elementary School of Cambridge. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Connolly of Cambridge.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Sophia Schneider.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Sophia Schneider on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Autistic Pride Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sangiolo of Newton and other members of the House) honoring the celebration of Autistic Pride Day on June 18, 2025;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Connolly of Cambridge, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Higher Education (see Section 168E(q) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) on campus sexual misconduct incident data annual report for calendar years 2022 and 2023; Campus sexual misconduct data.

From the Office of the Inspector General (see Section 12 of Chapter 12A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for calendar year 2024; Inspector General.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 5 of Chapter 27 of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Parole Board annual report for fiscal year 2023; Parole Board.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 119A(i) of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on medical parole for fiscal year 2024; Medical parole.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Sections 1A and 1B of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the actual revenue tax and non-tax collections for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025; Revenue tax and non-tax collections.

From the Department of Revenue (see item 1201-0122 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its annual report on grants to qualified low-income taxpayer clinics (LITC) for fiscal year 2024; Low-income taxpayer clinic grants.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7010-0012 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) Program report for fiscal year 2022; METCO.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7010-0012 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) Program report for fiscal year 2023; and Id.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 2 of Chapter 170 of the Acts of 2004) submitting the Massachusetts Electronic Control Weapons annual report for calendar year 2022; Electronic control weapons.

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

A report of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (under Section 11 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025) on the plan for phasing out the use of hotels and motels in the Emergency Housing Assistance Program, was placed on file. Emergency housing,—hotel use.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4185) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in the town of Milford. To the committee on Election Laws. Milford,—town meeting.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4186) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) relative to the affordable housing trust fund of the town of Edgartown. To the committee on Housing. Edgartown,—housing trust fund.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative González of Springfield presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González relative to the installation of security systems; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Security systems.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 288) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to bonded warehouses,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary; and Bonded warehouses.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 292) of John C. Velis for legislation to create coverage and regulations for group therapeutic care,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health; and Group therapeutic care.

Of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 411) of Paul W. Mark and James B. Eldridge for legislation to establish the MassGrant program to provide financial assistance to eligible residents enrolled in higher education,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Higher Education; and Higher education,— financial assistance.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 347) of Peter J. Durant for legislation relative to the protection of medical exemptions for immunizations for school attendance, — and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health. School immunizations.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the estimated rate of inflation for social service programs. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. Social services.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to require that all establishments be required to accept cash for transactions; and Cash transactions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the listing of the alcohol by volume for beer selections on menus. Alcohol by volume.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Connolly of Cambridge, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Eric J. Iwaniec (House, No. 1590). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Eric Iwaniec,— sick leave.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Hong of Lowell.

A statement of Mr. Hong of Lowell was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Hong of Lowell.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for a portion of today's sitting due to a previously scheduled commitment to give the commencement address at Lowell High School. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on roll call numbered 55. My missing of said roll call was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Hunt of Boston.

A statement of Mr. Hunt of Boston was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Mr. Hunt of Boston.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to due to official business outside of the Commonwealth. My missing of roll calls is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Lewis of Framingham.

A statement of Mr. Lewis of Framingham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Mr. Lewis of Framingham.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled human rights conference and legislative meetings in Washington, D.C. My missing of roll calls is due entirely to the reason stated.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barber of Somerville, Ferrante of Gloucester, Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and Tyler of Boston had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Guests of the House.

Weymouth,—Murphy Elementary School.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the Frederick C. Murphy Elementary School of Weymouth. They were accompanied by their teachers Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Walton, along with volunteer chaperones. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth.

Sokthea Phay.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and in recognition of the Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, introduced Sokthea Phay of Quincy.

At 19 years old, he pioneered the Khmer Street Children and Youth Program at the Cambodia YMCA, supporting them to break the cycle of extreme poverty and intergenerational trauma stemming from the Khmer Genocide.

In 2013, Sokthea was sponsored to the U.S. by an indigenous American elder, Mr. Bob Cabeza. Sokthea worked as Operations Director at Long Beach YMCA for 10 years. In 2019 Sokthea was appointed the U.S. Representative of the World YMCA's United Nations Advocacy Group. In January 2024, he became the first Khmer American YMCA Executive Director in the U.S. at the Wang YMCA of Chinatown/YMCA of Greater Boston. He is joined today by his wife and 2 children.

He was the guest of Representatives Chan of Quincy, Wong of Saugus, Nguyen of Andover, Howard of Lowell, Uyterhoeven of Somerville, Sangiolo of Newton and Hong of Lowell.

Communications.

Communications

Barnstable,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Barnstable County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Berkshire,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Berkshire County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Bristol,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Bristol County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Dukes,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Dukes County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Essex,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Essex County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Franklin,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Franklin County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Hampden,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampden County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Hampshire,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampshire County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Middlesex,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Middlesex County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Norfolk,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Norfolk County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Plymouth,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Suffolk,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Suffolk County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024; and

Worcester,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Worcester County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Westwood,—liquor licenses.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4188) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) that the town of Westwood be authorized to grant licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Amherst,—ranked choice voting.

By Representative Domb of Amherst and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4189) of Mindy Domb and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the town council) relative to ranked choice voting in the town of Amherst; and

Amherst,—voting rights.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4190) of Mindy Domb and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the town council) that the city known as the town of Amherst be authorized to extend local voting rights for lawful permanent residents residing in said town.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Wellfleet,—pesticide reduction.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4191) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Wellfleet to enact a pesticide reduction bylaw. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Southwick,—conservation commission.

By Representative Boldyga of Southwick and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4192) of Nicholas A. Boldyga (by vote of the town) relative to the election and composition of the conservation commission in the town of Southwick. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Amherst,—real estate transfer fee.

By Representative Domb of Amherst and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4193) of Mindy Domb and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the city known as the town of Amherst be authorized to establish a real estate transfer fee in said town. To the committee on Revenue

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to notification of alcohol by volume in beers to be consumed on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Alcohol by volume.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish parity in funding for regional vocational school districts and traditional public school districts. To the committee on Education. Education parity.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to legal protections for victims of childhood sexual abuse. To the committee on the Judiciary. Abuse prevention.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Moakley of Falmouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Eric J. Iwaniec (House, No. 1590), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Eric Iwaniec,— sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Moakley of Falmouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jato Charlotin, an employee of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4182). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Jato Charlotin,— sick leave.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Setera, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2508), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Third reading bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Dana Johnson, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4032) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Id.

Recess.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at eleven minutes before two o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair. Recess.

Cannabis laws.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill modernizing the commonwealth's cannabis laws (House, No. 4160), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4187). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of rules, on further motion of Mr. Donahue of Worcester, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Giannino of Revere moved to amend it in section 40, in line 630, by striking out the figures: "11" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "7.5".

Amendment adopted,— yea and nay No. 53

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 53 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Day of Stoneham then moved to amend the bill in section 19, in lines 402 and 403, by striking out the following: "and (iv) licensed in its home state to test hemp or cannabis" and inserting in place thereof the following: "(iv) licensed in its home state to test hemp or cannabis; and (v) certified and in good standing with the commission.".

Amendment adopted,— yea and nay No. 54

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 54 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Day then moved to amend the bill in section 9, in lines 257 and 258, by striking out the following: "(vi) industrial hemp sold pursuant to chapter 128; and (vii) topical hemp products sold pursuant to section 331" and inserting in place thereof the following: "(vi) industrial hemp sold pursuant to chapter 128; (vii) seeds of the plant Cannabis sativa L.; and (viii) topical hemp products sold pursuant to section 331";

In section 10, in lines 299 and 300, by striking out the words "the seeds thereof;"; and in lines 305 and 306, by striking out the words "or cake or the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination" and inserting in place thereof the following words ", cake or the seeds of the plant Cannabis sativa L.";

In section 17, in line 366, by striking out the words "the seeds thereof;"; and in line 372, by striking out the words "or the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination" and inserting in place thereof the words "or the seeds of the plant Cannabis sativa L.";

In section 46, in line 851, by inserting after the word "definitions" the word "Marijuana", in line 853, by striking out the figure: "2" and inserting in place thereof the figure: "3"; and in line 858, by inserting after the word "registration" the following: " 'Marijuana', as defined in section 1 of chapter 94G.".

The amendments were adopted.

Ms. Duffy of Holyoke then moved to amend the bill in section 40, in line 567, by striking out the word "immediately" and inserting in place thereof the following: ", within 1 business day after the receipt of such notice,"; and in line 580 by inserting after the word "only", the words "; provided, however, that the commission may allow third party access to the list by its licensing software provider".

The amendments were adopted.

Mr. Consalvo of Boston then moved to amend the bill in section 40, in lines 692 through 716, inclusive, by striking out the text contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following 6 paragraphs:

"Section 27. (a) No person shall sell a hemp beverage product at wholesale in the commonwealth unless such person holds a license to import or sell all alcoholic beverages at wholesale issued under section 18 of chapter 138. The commission may impose a fine of not more than $10,000 on any person that advertises, announces, establishes, maintains or is concerned in establishing or maintaining a hemp beverage wholesaler operation without a license. Each day during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) Holders of all alcoholic beverage wholesale licenses issued under section 18 of chapter 138 shall only sell hemp beverage products to holders of an off-premises, all alcoholic beverage retail license issued under section 15 of chapter 138.

(c) The commission may conduct surveys and investigations to enforce compliance with this section.

Section 28. (a) Only holders of an off premises all alcoholic beverage license under section 15 of chapter 138 shall sell hemp beverages to consumers. Sales to consumers by any person other than a licensee under section 15 of chapter 138 shall be strictly prohibited. No hemp beverage product shall be sold, or offered for sale, at retail to any individual by way of any indirect means, including, but not limited to, by way of mail or any telephonic or other electronic means. The commission may impose a fine of up to $10,000 on a person that advertises, announces, establishes, maintains or is concerned in establishing or maintaining a retail establishment that sells, or offers for sale, at retail, hemp beverage products in violation of this subsection. Each day during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) Holders of off premises all alcoholic beverage licenses under section 15 of chapter 138 shall only purchase hemp beverage products to be sold at retail from a holder of an all alcoholic beverage wholesale license issued under section 18 of chapter 138.

(c) The commission may conduct surveys and investigations to enforce compliance with this section.".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 55.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Donahue of Worcester and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 55 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4206, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, June 5, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Weymouth High School robotics team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the Weymouth High School scrap robotics team. They were the guests of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Grupo Nossa Senhora das Candeias.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Grupo Nossa Senhora das Candeias for receiving a Portuguese Heritage Award from the Portuguese American Legislative Caucus;

Karen Desjeans.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Duffy of Holyoke) honoring the retirement and services of Karen Desjeans; and

Michael Fitzpatrick.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Murray of Milford, Soter of Bellingham, Muradian of Grafton, McKenna of Sutton and Frost of Auburn) congratulating Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick in recognition of his retirement as Superintendent-Director of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional school district;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Environmental Protection,—improvements.

From the Department of Environmental Protection (see Section 18 of Chapter 21A of the General Laws) submitting its Timely Action, Fees, and Program Improvements report for fiscal year 2024;

Clean energy.

From the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (see Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Clean Energy Industry Report for calendar year 2024;

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through December, 2024; Gaming and sports wagering revenue.

From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 5 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting its calendar year 2024 annual report; Energy resources.

From the Office of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund fifty-second planned expenditure [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law]; Norfolk County Registry of Deeds,— expenditure.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from April 18, 2025 to May 15, 2025; Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the May 15, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; Emergency housing assistance.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-4512 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the transfer schedule for the Behavioral Health Outreach, Access and Support Trust Fund for fiscal year 2025; Behavioral health trust fund.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 7004-9316 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) third quarterly report for fiscal year 2024; and RAFT.

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 298 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the final report of the Devens Housing Working Group; Devens,— housing.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4201) of Shirley B. Arriaga (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to changing the two-year elected term for the office of mayor of in the city of Chicopee to a four-year elected term; Chicopee,— mayoral term.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4202) of Shirley B. Arriaga (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the recall of any holder of elective office in the city of Chicopee; Chicopee,— election recall.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4203) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill; and Haverhill,— elections.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4204) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to preliminary election of candidates in the city of Haverhill. Id.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Representatives Owens of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4205) of Steven Owens (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Watertown be authorized to lease space at the former Watertown,— lease.

Parker school in said city. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Esther Odufuwa,—sick leave.

By Representative Fiola of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carole A. Fiola for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Esther Odufuwa, an employee of the Department of Mental Health; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Tourette Syndrome awareness day.

A Bill designating June 7 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day (Senate, No. 2152, amended by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith June 7 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.") (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on further motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Topsfield,—liquor licenses.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2526) of Bruce E. Tarr, Kristin E. Kassner and Sally P. Kerans (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Topsfield to convert 4 licenses for sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to 4 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises and to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in the containers less than 200 milliliters, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

School libraries.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Samantha Montaño relative to school library standards. To the committee on Education.

Wage act,—violations.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to damages for employees aggrieved by violations of the Massachusetts Wage Act. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jato Charlotin, an employee of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4182), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Jato Charlotin,— sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Setera, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2508), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Andrew Setera,— sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill designating June 7 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day (see Senate, No. 2152, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Tourette Syndrome awareness day.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At sixteen minutes after twelve o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, June 9, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Weston Council on Aging.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced a group of distinguished citizens who were seated in the Third Division from the Weston Council on Aging. At the invitation of the Chair, the group participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Ken Messina.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Ken Messina on his retirement after more than thirty years of service; and

Cindy Howard.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Marsi of Dudley) congratulating Cindy Howard, Chief Executive Officer of the Center of Hope Foundation, on her retirement after thirty-four years;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Supplier diversity.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 61 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting the Supplier Diversity Office Comprehensive Annual Report for fiscal year 2024;

PRIM Board.

From the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (see Section 23(2A)(e)(xi) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 third quarterly report;

Community investment tax credit.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 6M(c)(8) of Chapter 62 and Section 38EE(c)(8) of Chapter 63 of the General Laws)

submitting the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) annual report for calendar year 2024;

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the monthly Working Training for Emergency Assistance Residents report for June, 2025; Working training.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the May 29, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 7003-0500 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Department of Industrial Accidents Workplace Safety Training Grant Program annual report for fiscal year 2024; Workplace safety training grant program.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 83 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report entitled: "Methods, Best Practices, and Standards for Achieving Green and Healthy Schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts"; and Green and healthy schools.

From the Property and Casualty Initiative, LLC (see Section 3 of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2024 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Financial Services, and the committee on Revenue, as required by said law]; Property and Casualty Initiative.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Monthly Reports.

The annual report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 80 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) certifying and outlining how the health benefit plans under the office of Medicaid, and their contractors, comply with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act for calendar year 2024; and Mental health and addiction equity parity.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for April, 2025; Net state tax revenue.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4209) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Sunderland be authorized to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for residents of said town aged 16 and 17 years old. To the committee on Election Laws. Sunderland,—voting age.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4210) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) relative to the town resident requirement for the town manager of the town of Dalton; Dalton,—town manager.

By Representative Ferguson of Holden and Senator Durant, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4211) of Kimberly N. Ferguson (by vote of the town) relative to changing the term of the elected office of moderator in the town of Holden; and Holden,—town moderator.

Lancaster,— animal control commission.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4212) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to dissolve the animal control commission of said town.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Egremont,— firefighters.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4213) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) relative to the continued employment of firefighters in the town of Egremont, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Fall River,— police chief.

By Representative Fiola of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4214) of Carole A. Fiola (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the appointment of the police chief in the city of Fall River; and

Saugus,— Christopher Taylor.

By Representative Wong of Saugus, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4215) of Donald H. Wong (by vote of the town) that the Saugus retirement board be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Christopher Taylor, a retired officer of the police department of the town of Saugus;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Career-to-education data center.

A report of the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 50) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to establish a career-to-education data center within the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Education,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Wareham,— charter.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2527) of Kelly A. Dooner (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the town charter of Wareham, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

Esther Odufuwa,— sick leave.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the joint petition of Carole A. Fiola for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Esther Odufuwa, an employee of the Department of Mental Health. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Steven Forget, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (House, No. 4103), reported by the committee

on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, June 12, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Southborough,—Neary Elementary School.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the Margaret A. Neary Elementary School in Southborough. They were accompanied by their teachers and volunteer chaperones. They were the guests of Representative Donaghue of Westborough.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Colt Jackson.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Colt Jackson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Trevor Sears.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Trevor Sears on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Andrea Peraner-Sweet.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arciero of Westford) congratulating Andrea Peraner-Sweet on being named a 2025 Commonwealth Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women;

Gracelyn Skilling.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Bowen of Beverly) congratulating Gracelyn Skilling on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Thomas Dahill.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Rogers of Cambridge) congratulating Thomas Dahill on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday; and

Lisa Audette.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Lisa M. Audette on celebrating her retirement from the town of Franklin as Executive Director of the Franklin Housing Authority;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Donaghue of Westborough, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Sales tax holiday.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Fiola of Fall River) designating August 9th and 10th, 2025 as the sales tax holiday (House, No. 4220), were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Status of Women.

From the Commission on the Status of Women (see Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Norfolk County Registry of Deeds,— expenditure.

From the Office of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund fifty-third planned expenditure [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

MassHealth delivery platform.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2SSSS of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the legislative report for the MassHealth Delivery System Reform Incentive Platform (DSRIP) for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024;

Student opportunity plans.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 1S(d) of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting a report to the Legislature: Student Opportunity Act Three-Year Evidence-Based Plans for fiscal years 2023 and 2024;

Children's medical security.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2025 legislative report for the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMPS) for the period of July 31, 2024 through September 30, 2024;

Children and youth mental health services.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 5042-5000 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Mental Health's Strengthening Public Access to Mental Health Services for Children and Youth for fiscal year 2024;

MassHealth child psychiatry access.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 5042-5000 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Mental Health's Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project (MCPAP) Service Report for fiscal years 2023 and 2024; and

Life insurance.

From the Massachusetts Life Insurance Community Investment Initiative, LLC (see Section 2(e) of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its annual report and statement of financial condition for calendar year 2024 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Financial Services, and the committee on Revenue, as required by said law];

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

Hair care,— children.

By Representative Fluker-Reid of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4216) of Brandy Fluker-Reid and others relative to hair care for children in state custody. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Special education,— disputes.

By Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4217) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida relative to special education disputes. To the committee on Education.

Parole board,— reform.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4218) of Russell E. Holmes relative to reforming the parole board. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Transportation,— excise tax.

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4219) of Michelle L. Ciccolo for legislation to establish a transportation excise tax for large employers. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Motor vehicle safety.

A report of the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2446) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to promote motor vehicle safety and habitual offenders,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Marblehead,— parking fines.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2528) of Brendan P. Crighton and Jennifer Balinsky Armini (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to parking fines during snow emergencies in the town Marblehead, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Transit workers,— assault.

A petition of Nick Collins and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to assault and battery by means of bodily substance upon a transit worker, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2531) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Report of Committees.

Healthcare,— dual eligibility.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of James J. O'Day relative to access and continuity of care to specialist and hospital services for dually eligible individuals. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Health. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel Yender, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4104); and

Relative to a sick leave bank for Mark Kratman, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4161);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, June 16, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

David Donnelly.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Honan of Boston, MacGregor of Boston and Day of Stoneham) honoring the Honorable David T. Donnelly for his decades of service to the Commonwealth, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Sangiolo of Newton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

MassHealth,—delivery platform.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2SSSS of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the legislative report for the MassHealth Delivery System Reform Payment (DSRIP) for the second quarter of fiscal year 2025; and

Education workforce.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7010-0005 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting an interim report entitled 'Assessment on the Education Workforce';

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

Tax amnesty.

The annual report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 225(e) of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting tax amnesty report for calendar year 2024, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Arlington,—voting.

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4223) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be authorized to

grant legal voting rights in municipal elections to town residents aged 16 and 17 years old; and

New Salem,— election.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4224) of Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to validating the results of the annual town election in the town of New Salem held on May 5, 2025.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Marblehead,— senior property tax exemption.

By Representative Armini of Marblehead and Senator Crighton, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4225) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and Brendan P. Crighton (by vote of the town) that the town of Marblehead be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Bazaars,— alcohol.

By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to fraternal organizations conducting bazaars.

Parking enforcement.

By Representative Cusack of Braintree, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark J. Cusack for legislation to authorize automated curb enforcement and improving parking violation procedures.

Immigration.

By Representative Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc T. Lombardo relative to civil immigration detainers and state and local law cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Virtual credit cards.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to the use of virtual credit cards by dental insurance providers.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Athletic performance surfaces.

Of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 395) of Vincent Dixon for legislation to promote racially and culturally inclusive K-12 curriculum,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Environmental and Natural Resources; and

Plant-based protein.

Of the committee on Higher Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 922) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation relative to plant-based protein,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Public Health;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2514) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities

and projects (House, No. 4010), reports, in part, a bill with the same title (House, No. 4227) [Total Appropriation: $1,387,975,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported, that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on acceptance.

Esther Odufuwa,— sick leave.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4221, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Esther Odufuwa an employee of the department of mental health (House, No. 4222). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jato Charlotin, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4182) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tributes.

Minnesota House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman.

During the session, the Speaker took the Chair and at the request of Speaker Mariano and Minority Leader Jones, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for Minnesota Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman who was tragically killed along with her husband, Mark Hortman, in an act of political violence on June 14th, 2025.

Speaker Hortman served as a State Representative in Minnesota from 2005 until 2025, and as Speaker from 2019 until January of this year.

A graduate of Boston University in 1991, University of Minnesota School of Law in 1995, and Harvard Kennedy School in 2018, Speaker Hortman served her district with distinction, and her death is both a devastating loss for Minnesota, and for the country as a whole.

Speaker Hortman and her husband are survived by their two children, Colin and Sophie.

Richard Serino, Sr.

During the session, Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair, at the request of Representatives Giannino of Revere, Turco of Winthrop and Galvin of Canton, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence in memory of Richard Serino, Sr. of Revere, who tragically lost his life yesterday.

He was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, a loving father and proud grandfather, a United States Marine Corps veteran, and a retired Revere police officer who dedicated his life to service. Enlisting in 1967, he served honorably during the Vietnam era, including a tour in Okinawa. Upon returning to Revere, he served for over 30 years as a patrolman, known throughout the city as the motorcycle traffic officer.

Richie was known not only for his public service, but also for his kindness, patriotism, and festive spirit, bringing joy to his neighbors through his holiday lawn displays. He leaves behind his wife Trudy, his children, grandchildren, and a grateful community who mourn his loss and honor his legacy.

Statement of Representative Gentile of Sudbury.

A statement of Mr. Gentile of Sudbury was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Gentile of Sudbury.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside of the State House. Had I been present I would have voted in the affirmative on roll calls numbered 56 and 57. My missing of roll calls is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.

A statement of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside of the State House. Had I been present I would have voted in the affirmative on roll calls numbered 56 and 57. My missing of roll calls is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Lewis of Framingham.

A statement of Mr. Lewis of Framingham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Lewis of Framingham.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled speaking engagement at human rights conference and legislative meetings on public health and equity issues. My missing of roll calls is due entirely to the reason stated.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barrett of North Adams, Cataldo of Concord, DeCoste of Norwell, Duffy of Holyoke, Ferrante of Gloucester and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Guests of the House.

Angelo Saade.

During the session, the Speaker took the Chair, declared a brief recess, and introduced Angelo Saade of Lawrence, who recently graduated from Greater Lawrence Technical School and has maintained a perfect attendance record since kindergarten. He was accompanied by his parents, Maria and Tony. They were the guests of Representatives Moran of Lawrence, Reyes of Lawrence and Paulino of Methuen.

Elder Climate Action.

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) declared a brief recess, and introduced members of Elder Climate Action, Tina Grosowsky of Hudson and Allan Fierce of Stow. These individuals came to the State House to lobby for climate-friendly policies and legislation that combats climate change in order to safeguard our environment for their grandchildren and future generations. They were the guests of the Chair.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Owens of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown) congratulating the Rotary Club of Watertown for one hundred years of community service; and — Watertown Rotary Club.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ultrino of Malden, Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, Wong of Saugus, Garcia of Chelsea, Giannino of Revere and Donato of Medford) congratulating Mystic Valley Elder Services on the fiftieth anniversary of its founding; — Mystic Valley Elder Services.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Ultrino of Malden, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of the Trial Court (see Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections; — Trial Court,—rental protections.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 7003-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Department of Economic Research report on Barriers to Employment; — Employment barriers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from May 13, 2025 to June 12, 2025; — Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the June 12, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and — Emergency housing assistance.

From the Office for Refugees and Immigrants (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report for May, 2025; — Resettlement agency.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4228) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Athol be authorized to regulate rents for the use or occupancy of manufactured housing parks in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. — Athol,—housing parks.

Paper from the Senate.

Walpole,— alcoholic beverages.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2532) of Michael F. Rush, Edward R. Philips, Marcus S. Vaughn, John H. Rogers and other members of the General Court (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Walpole to grant up to 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Reports of Committees.

James Caruso,— sick leave.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Kevin G. Honan and Michael J. Moran for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for James Caruso, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ultrino of Malden, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at five minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Esther Odufuwa,— sick leave.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Esther Odufuwa an employee of the department of mental health (House, No. 4222), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Fiola of Fall River, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Esther Odufuwa, an employee of the department of mental health.". Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

Supplemental appropriations.

The report (in part) of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (see Senate document numbered 2512) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other

activities and projects (House, No. 4010), recommending, a bill with the same title (House, No. 4227), was considered.

Conference committee report accepted,—yea and nay No. 56.

After remarks on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 150 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 56 in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

Supplemental appropriations.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4227), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 46 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted,—yea and nay No. 57.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call (Speaker Mariano having taken the Chair) 148 members voted in the affirmative and 4 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 57 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Speaker Mariano of Quincy and Minority Leader Jones of North Reading then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Melissa Anne Hortman, a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2005 to 2025, inclusive, and the 61st Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives; and the motion prevailed.

At twelve minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston (Speaker Mariano of Quincy being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, June 23, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Deborah Roussell.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Deborah M. Roussell for being recognized as a 2025 Commonwealth Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women;

300 Committee Land Trust.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vieira of Falmouth and Moakley of Falmouth) congratulating the 300 Committee Land Trust, Inc. on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary;

Amateur radio.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ferrante of Gloucester and other members of the House) honoring amateur radio operators as they commemorate Amateur Radio Week and Amateur Radio Field Day;

Anne Covino-Goldenberg.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Rogers of Cambridge) congratulating Anne Covino-Goldenberg on her one hundredth birthday;

Nancy Hill.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Sullivan-Almeida of Abington and Plouffe of Brockton) congratulating Nancy G. Hill on the occasion of her retirement from the East Bridgewater Council on Aging; and

Kate Fitzpatrick.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Tarsky of Needham) honoring Kate Fitzpatrick for her thirty-five years of service to the town of Needham;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Hogan of Stow, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Harness horse racing.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 222 of Chapter 6 and Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting regulations related to harness horse racing;

College Building Authority,—audit.

From the Office of the Auditor of the Commonwealth (see Section 12 of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) submitting an audit of the Massachusetts College Building Authority from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024; and

From the Office of the Auditor of the Commonwealth (see Section 12 of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) submitting an audit of MassVentures from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; MassVentures,—audit.

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

A report of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (under item 7004-0104 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a progress report entitled: Home and Healthy for Good – Advancing solution-driven supportive housing progress from July 1, 2024-February 28, 2025, was placed on file. Home and Healthy for Good.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4231) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) relative to notices of violation for parking enforcement in the city of Cambridge; Cambridge,—parking enforcement.

By Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4232) of Mark D. Sylvia and Mark C. Montigny (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Fairhaven; and Fairhaven,—charter.

By Representative Ultrino of Malden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4233) of Steven Ultrino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Malden. Malden,—charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4234) of Mark D. Sylvia and Mark C. Montigny (by vote of the town) that the town of Fairhaven be authorized to appoint retired police officers as special police officers in said town; Fairhaven,—special police.

By Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4235) of Mark D. Sylvia and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) that the town of Rochester be authorized to continue the employment of Scott Weigel as fire chief in said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and Rochester,—Scott Weigel.

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4236) of Susannah M. Whipps (by vote of the town) that the town of Northfield be authorized to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III as fire chief, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. Northfield,—Floyd Dunnell.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (Senate, No. 2540) (on Senate bill No. 2529), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Supplemental appropriations.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to fraternal organizations conducting bazaars. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Bazaars,— alcohol.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to a municipal tax amnesty program. To the committee on Revenue. Municipal tax amnesty.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, June 26, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

State funds,—emergency expenditures.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2026 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (House, No. 4237), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, June 23. The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Remarks of Speaker Mariano.

There being no objection, Speaker Mariano made remarks to the members and employees, and to the citizens of the Commonwealth; and, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the remarks were spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Gene DiPersio.

Gene DiPersio has dedicated the last 55 years of his life to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, first as a House page for 9 years, and then as a Court Officer for 45 years.

Since 2008, Gene has served as the House's Chief Court Officer, ensuring that every House session, every caucus, and every event that took place in this chamber ran smoothly.

So, on behalf of the entire House of Representatives, I want to thank Gene for his decades of service to the House, and to the Commonwealth.

I know that you're looking forward to spending more time with your grandson, and we wish you all the best in your next chapter.

Statement of Representative Cabral of New Bedford.

A statement of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Cabral of New Bedford.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting. Had I been present for the taking of Yea and Nay No. 58, on acceptance of the report of the committee of conference on the Joint Rules (see Senate, No. 2545), I would have voted in the affirmative.

Statement of Representative Garcia of Chelsea.

A statement of Ms. Garcia of Chelsea was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Garcia of Chelsea.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside the State House traveling with a delegation from the city of Chelsea for the All-American City competition in Denver, Colorado. Had I been present for the taking of Yea and Nay No. 58, on acceptance of the report of the committee of conference on the Joint Rules (see Senate, No. 2545), I would have voted in the affirmative. My missing of said roll call was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Markey of Dartmouth.

A statement of Mr. Markey of Dartmouth was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Markey of Dartmouth.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting. Had I been present for the taking of Yea and Nay No. 58, on acceptance of the report of the committee of conference on the Joint Rules (see Senate, No. 2545), I would have voted in the affirmative.

Statement of Representative Nguyen of Andover.

A statement of Ms. Nguyen of Andover was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Nguyen of Andover.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled work trip. Had been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay No. 58, on acceptance of the conference report on the Joint Rules (see Senate, No. 2545). My missing of said roll call is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Rogers of Cambridge.

A statement of Mr. Rogers of Cambridge was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Rogers of Cambridge.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside of the State House at the National Conference of State Legislature's Higher Education Task Force. Had been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay No. 58, on acceptance of the conference report on the Joint Rules (see Senate, No. 2545). My missing of roll call is due entirely to the reason stated.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barber of Somerville, Duffy of Holyoke and

Remote participation.

Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Dolores Hayes.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Lawn of Watertown and other members of the House) congratulating Dolores Hayes on her retirement from the Massachusetts House of Representatives; and

Joy Nichols.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven) honoring Joy Nichols upon her retirement after twenty-nine years of distinguished public service;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Lawn of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Sports wagering revenue.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through May, 2025;

State Retiree Benefits Trust.

From the State Retiree Benefits Trust ("HST") Board (see Section 24(f) of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) submitting the approved budget for said board for fiscal year 2026 [a copy of the communication was forwarded to the committee on Public Service, for their information];

Division of Banks.

From the Division of Banks (see Section 13 of Chapter 167 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report fiscal year 2024; and

Sports wagering industry.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 25 of Chapter 173 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a study on the participation by minority business enterprises, women business enterprises and veteran business enterprises in the sports wagering industry of the Commonwealth;

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

Monthly reports

Net state tax revenue.

Of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for May, 2025; and

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for May, 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Reports of Committees.

James Caruso,— sick leave.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James Caruso, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4230). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

Recess.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at seven minutes after two o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Papers from the Senate.

Joint Rules 2025-2026 session.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendment (striking out the text in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 2026) of the Senate Order relative to the adoption of permanent Joint Rules for the 194th General Court governing the 2025-2026 legislative sessions (Senate, No. 18, amended), recommending passage of an Order relative to Joint Rules governing the 2025-2026 legislative session (Senate, No. 2545), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been accepted by said branch. The report of the committee of conference was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the report was considered forthwith.

Conference committee report accepted,— yea and nay No. 58.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, in concurrence, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Michael Moran of Boston; and on the roll call 147 members voted in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 58 in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted, in concurrence.

There being no objection,— The following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Agriculture and Fisheries and Aging and Independence committees.

Ordered, That all matters that are currently before the joint committee on Agriculture established under the order establishing the temporary rules of the two branches for the 2025-2026 legislative session are hereby transferred to the joint committee on Agriculture and Fisheries; and

Be it further ordered, that all matters currently before the joint committee on Elder Affairs established under the order establishing the temporary rules of the two branches for the 2025-2026 legislative session are hereby transferred to the joint committee on Aging and Independence; and

Be it further ordered, that the current members of the joint committee on Agriculture so established shall hereby be the members of the joint committee on Agriculture and Fisheries and the current members of the joint committee on Elder Affairs so established shall hereby be the members of the joint committee on Aging and Independence.

The order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Harness horse racing.

A report from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A and Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations for 205 CMR 3.00 relative to harness horse racing (Senate, No. 2539), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Recess.

Recess.

At eleven minutes after three o'clock P.M ., on motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at sixteen minutes after five o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Eric J. Iwaniec, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1590) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1590, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eighteen minutes after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, June 30, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Whately,— teen voting.

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4241) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Whately be authorized to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for town of Whately residents aged 16 and 17 years old; and

Dalton,— recall elections.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4242) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) relative to recall elections in the town of Dalton.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Ipswich,— town manager.

By Representative Kassner of Hamilton and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4243) of Kristin E. Kassner (by vote of the town) relative to the town manager residency requirement in the town of Ipswich;

Hingham,— legal notices.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4244) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) that the town of Hingham be authorized to utilize alternative methods for publication of legal notices; and

Mattapoisett,— select board.

By Representative Sylvia of Fairhaven and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4245) of Mark D. Sylvia and Mark C. Montigny (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the select board of the town of Mattapoisett.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,— Gissell Melo.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4246) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Gissell Melo a police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Hull,— parking violations.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4247) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) that the town of Hull be authorized to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations. To the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Non-discrimination.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas relative to non-discrimination by improving algorithmic systems.

Unclaimed life insurance.

By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jane Logan relative to unclaimed life insurance benefits.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

General Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2525) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4001), reported, in part, a bill with the same title (House, No. 4240) [Total Appropriation: $61,013,695,075.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported, that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on acceptance.

State funds,—emergency expenditures.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill making certain appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 4237) [Total Appropriation: $7,463,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James Caruso, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4230), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Mr. Mariano of Quincy offered the following order:—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at one o'clock P.M. for a second legislative day.

The order was adopted.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet at one o'clock P.M. for a second legislative day, in a Formal Session.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY.

Met at nine minutes after one o'clock P.M. with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Prayer.

Frederick "Pat" Walor.

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), declared a brief recess at the request of Miss Garry of Dracut, members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of Frederick "Pat" Walor of Dracut. Frederick "Pat" Walor, a 101-year-old World War II veteran and longtime Dracut farmer, passed away peacefully on Friday morning, June 27th. Pat enlisted in the U.S. Army on March 10, 1943. After completing basic training, he was sent to serve in Europe as a member of Company D, of the 39th Infantry Regiment, part of the 9th Infantry Division. The unit landed at Utah Beach days after D-Day, and he fought in Normandy, Northern France and Germany. He was wounded and earned his Purple Heart on his 21st birthday.

In addition to the Purple Heart, he earned a Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry Badge, European and American Campaign Medals and many other recognitions.

When he returned from the war, he married Eleanor Mscisz and bought a farm in Dracut. She died in 2013 after 66 years of marriage.

Many members of this Chamber met Pat this past May 22nd when he was one of the inaugural class of honorees at the First Military Appreciation Day. Despite using a wheelchair, Pat was determined to stand when his name was called.

He leaves three daughters — Sandra Walor, Patricia Diodati and Mary Kazalski, and his son, Joseph Walor; 8 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren.

His family would like him to be remembered as a loving, humble, generous, thoughtful and sincere man.

Guests of the House.

Karen Love and Jamie Love.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced in the House Chamber, Karen Love and Jamie Love. They were the sister and niece of Gene DiPersio, Chief Court Officer, who were in attendance to celebrate his impending retirement.

Statement of Representative Cabral of New Bedford.

A statement of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting. Had I been present,

I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 61 and 62, on acceptance and enactment of the Fiscal Year 2026 General Appropriation Act. Cabral of New Bedford.

Statement of Representative Fiola of Fall River.

A statement of Ms. Fiola of Fall River was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled engagement. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 61 and 62. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated. Statement of Representative Fiola of Fall River.

Statement of Representative Garcia of Chelsea.

A statement of Ms. Garcia of Chelsea was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside the State House traveling with a Chelsea delegation for the All-American City competition in Denver, Colorado. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 59, 60, 61 and 62. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated. Statement of Representative Garcia of Chelsea.

Statement of Representative Gentile of Sudbury.

A statement of Mr. Gentile of Sudbury was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled family commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 61 and 62. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated. Statement of Representative Gentile of Sudbury.

Statement of Representative Vaughn of Wrentham.

A statement of Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER : I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 59, 60, 61 and 62. Statement of Representative Vaughn of Wrentham.

Statement of Representative Vieira of Falmouth.

A statement of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting. Had I been present for the taking of Yea and Nay No. 59, on approving the report of the committee of Statement of Representative Vieira of

conference on the FY2026 General Appropriation Bill (House, No. 4240), I would have voted in the affirmative. Falmouth.

Remote Participation.

Notice has been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Cataldo of Concord, DeCoste of Norwell, Duffy of Holyoke and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington have been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting. Remote participation.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow), declared a brief recess and introduced, standing in the Well of the House Chamber, Her Mystic Majesty Carnival Queen of Boston, Janesica Johnson and His Mystic Majesty the Carnival King of Mazatlán, Héctor Limón of Mazatlán, Mexico. They were guests of Representative Sena of Acton. Janesica Johnson and Héctor Limón.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

The House Bill making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2026 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 4237), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time. State funds,—emergency expenditures.

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Jones of North Reading; and on the roll call 143 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative. Bill passed to be engrossed,—yea and nay No. 59.

[See Yea and Nay No. 59 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2026 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (see House Bill printed in House, No. 4237), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage. State funds,—emergency expenditures.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 144 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative. Bill enacted,—yea and nay No. 60.

[See Yea and Nay No. 60 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

At five minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair) the House recessed until a half past Recess.

three o'clock; and at twenty-five minutes before four o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Orders of the Day.

General Appropriation Bill.

A report (in part) of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4001) (for report, see House, No. 4240), was considered.

Conference committee report accepted,— yea and nay No. 61.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 139 members voted in the affirmative and 6 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 61 in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

General Appropriation Bill.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (see House, No. 4240), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 52 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was put upon its final passage.

Bill enacted,— yea and nay No. 62.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 139 members voted in the affirmative and 6 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 62 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Representatives Puppolo of Springfield, Williams of Springfield, González of Springfield, Ramos of Springfield, Ashe of Longmeadow and Finn of West Springfield moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the

memory of Peter H. Lappin, a member of the House from Springfield from 1973 to 1976, and a member of the Governor's Council in 1977 and 1978; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at six minutes after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, July 3, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Russell Johnston.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Peisch of Wellesley and Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose) honoring Doctor Russell D. Johnston for his lifelong commitment to public education and distinguished service to the Commonwealth;

Sean Keady.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Linsky of Natick) congratulating Sean Keady on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Dalai Lama.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and other members of the House) honoring the life and legacy of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso; and

Pepperell.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell) recognizing the town of Pepperell on the occasion of its two hundred and fiftieth birthday;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Substance Use Disorder Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2YYYY of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report on expenditures transferred, credited, or deposited into the Substance Use Disorder Federal Reinvestment Trust Fund (SUD Trust Fund);

Community Behavioral Health Center.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 13D ½ of Chapter 118E the General Laws) submitting a report on comparative analysis of the Community Behavioral Health Center (CBHC) rates as of December 2024;

Decriminalized offenses.

From the District Attorney of Essex County (see Section 70C of Chapter 277 of the General Laws) submitting notification of objections to motions to decriminalize certain offenses; and

Contingency contracts.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0321 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the annual and quarterly Contingency Contract Report for fiscal year 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

Technical Rescue Coordinating Council.

An annual report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 2DDDDD of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council annual report for fiscal year 2025, was placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Health care protections.

The Senate Bill strengthening health care protections in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2543) (on Senate bill No. 2538), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Andover,— special town meetings.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2544) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) relative to special town meetings petitioned for by residents of the town of Andover, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

External defibrillators.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill requiring automated external defibrillators at sporting events (House, No. 2391).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring automatic external defibrillator devices in health clubs (House, No. 2424).

End of life options.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to end of life options (House, No. 2505) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Westford,— land.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Westford to release agricultural preservation restrictions over land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC (House, No. 3282) [Local Approval Received].

Cambridge,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the reorientation of the parcel of land occupied by Riverside Boat Club of Cambridge (House, No. 3308).

Stoneham,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 3312).

Bolton,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to dispose of certain parcels of land in the town of Bolton (House, No. 3346) [Local Approval Received].

Wellesley,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 3402).

Norfolk,— easement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the release of a certain sewer easement in the town of Norfolk (House, No. 3431).

Bourne,— easements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne (House, No. 3435) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Athletic training.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 2465 and 2475, a Bill relative to athletic training (House, No. 2465).

Machado-Joseph disease day.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to Machado-Joseph Disease Awareness Day (House, No. 3298).

Tourette Syndrome day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating June 7 as Tourette Syndrome awareness day (House, No. 3305).

Business corporations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill making amendments to the Massachusetts Business Corporation Act (House, No. 3323).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

Jato Charlotin,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jato Charlotin, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see House, No. 4182), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, July 7, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Supplemental appropriations.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4251), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, July 4.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Medford,—linkage program.

By Representative Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4252) of Paul J. Donato (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to establish a linkage exaction program in the city of Medford; and

Boston,—office terms.

By Representative Ryan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4253) of Daniel J. Ryan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to terms of elected office in the city of Boston.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,—Rodney Alcindor.

By Representative Fluker-Reid of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4254) of Brandy Fluker-Reid (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Rodney Alcindor as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,—Jonathan Telfort.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4255) of Brandy Fluker-Reid (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Jonathan Telfort as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Boston,—Jose Ortiz.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4256) of Russell E. Holmes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Jose Ortiz as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Domb of Amherst presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mindy Domb relative to charter school funding; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Charter schools.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 404) of Joan B. Lovely and John F. Keenan for legislation relative to supporting survivors of child sexual abuse,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence. Child sexual abuse,— survivor support.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael D. Brady and Bridget Plouffe for legislation to designate bar pizza as the official pizza of the Commonwealth, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Official pizza.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2548) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to the use of virtual credit cards by dental insurance providers. To the committee on Financial Services. Virtual credit cards.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to regulate the sale of kratom. To the committee on the Judiciary. Kratom,— sales.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to athletic training (House, No. 2465), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Athletic training.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to supply water to the Lynnfield Center Water District within the town of Lynnfield (House, No. 972). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Lynnfield,— water.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2238) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco for legislation to require the State Auditor to audit cities and towns for certain assessments charged for Sewer and water services.

the furnishing of sewer or water services,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2319) of James J. O'Day relative to animal health,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries. Animal health.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2302) of Kristin E. Kassner for legislation to expand designation of priority development sites,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses. Priority development sites.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2255) of Mike Connolly relative to local approval of inclusionary zoning; Inclusionary zoning.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2298) of Kristin E. Kassner and Vanna Howard relative to site plan zoning review; Site plan zoning review.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2328) of David M. Rogers, Samantha Montaño and others relative to enabling cities and towns to stabilize rents and protect tenants; Municipal rent stabilization.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2350) of David T. Vieira relative to site plan zoning review; and Site plan zoning review.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3996) of Michelle L. Badger relative to zoning restrictions for solar systems; Zoning restrictions,— solar.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Housing.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2346) of Erika Uyterhoeven relative to municipalities owning and operating broadband high speed internet infrastructure and services; Municipal broadband.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3951) of Mike Connolly relative to municipal fossil fuel free building construction and renovation demonstration projects; Construction,— fossil fuels.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4035) of Christine P. Barber, Erika Uyterhoeven and Mike Connolly (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a net zero emissions standard for zoning of new constructed buildings and major renovation projects; and Somerville,— net zero emissions.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4036) of Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Brookline be authorized to adopt green zoning by-laws and regulations in said town; Brookline,— green zoning.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3891) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to legislative oversight of certain regulatory actions; and Legislative oversight,— regulatory actions.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3892) of Jeanne M. Kempthorne and others for legislation to establish the offices of legislative research and fiscal analysis; Office of legislative research,— establishment.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

Steven Forget,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Steven Forget, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (see House, No. 4103), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, July 10, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor — Disapprovals and Recommendations of Amendments in General Appropriation Bill.

General Appropriation Bill,— disapprovals and amendments.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor returning with her disapproval of certain items and reductions in certain items, and also with recommendation of amendments of certain sections contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements [see House, No. 4240] (for message, see House, No. 4250), filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, July 4, was read.

So much of the message as relates to the disapprovals were referred, under Rule 30, to the committee on Ways and Means.

So much of the message as relates to the sections returned with recommendations of amendments were referred, as follows:

Sections 20, 23 and 110 ─ Printed as House, No. 4248; and

Section 29 ─ Printed as House, No. 4249.

Severally, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Resolutions.

Brian Hickey.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative McKenna of Sutton) congratulating Fire Chief Brian C. Hickey on his retirement from the town of Webster Fire Department, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0700 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report on MassHealth Dental Coverage; MassHealth dental coverage.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1071 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Trust Fund fiscal year 2025 transfer schedule; Community Behavioral Health Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the June 26, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the monthly Working Training for Emergency Assistance Residents report for June, 2025; Workforce training fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

The annual report of the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (under Section 11 of Chapter 7D of the General Laws) on data collection and reporting in the criminal justice system for fiscal year 2025, was placed on file. Criminal justice data collection.

Petitions.

Representative Montaño of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4262) of Samantha Montaño (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to ranked choice voting in the city of Boston; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Boston,— ranked choice voting.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christine P. Barber relative to applied behavioral analysis reimbursement rates. Behavioral analysis.

By Representative Stanley of Waltham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Stanley and Michael J. Barrett for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Alexandra Schwartz, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of State Police. Alexandra Schwartz,— sick leave.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

A petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Adrian C. Madaro relative to modernizing the governance of port authority parks in the East Boston section of the city of Boston (having been returned by the State Secretary with a letter stating that the petitioner had failed to file proof of notice of publication), was placed on file. Port authority,— governance.

Paper from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1403) of Cindy F. Friedman, Joanne M. Comerford, Mike Connolly, Adam Gómez and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to reducing administrative burden, and recommending that the same be referred to the Administrative burden.

committee on Health Care Financing,—accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Lynnfield Center Water District.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to supply water to the Lynnfield Center Water District within the town of Lynnfield (House, No. 972), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Municipal roads and bridges.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 53, a Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4257). Referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Municipal bonding.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill enhancing municipal bonding efficacy (House, No. 2257).

Municipal licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing a commission to study municipal licenses (House, No. 2311).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Southborough,—bonds.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Southborough to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (House, No. 2262) [Local Approval Received].

Local boards,—training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for pre-service training for members of local boards and commissions (House, No. 2265).

Board training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding land use board training (House, No. 2299).

Dukes County.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing the Dukes County Sheriff's regional lockup fund (House, No. 2314).

Public shade.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to update the public shade tree law (House, No. 2322).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Cheshire,—special election.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town of Cheshire's special election (House, No. 801) [Local Approval Received].

Hardwick,—special election.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the results of the special election held in the town of Hardwick on January 18, 2025 (printed in House, No. 4004).

Sharon,—land.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 1024) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 4009) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Id.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to legal advertisements and public notices (House, No. 2243). Legal and public notices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to making the charter of the city of Chicopee gender neutral (House, No. 2244) [Local Approval Received]. Chicopee,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to further increasing the fines for cruelty to animals, and establishing a fund dedicated to improvements for local animal shelters (House, No. 2247). Animal cruelty.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a special fund for the festival of the hills receipts for the town of Conway (House, No. 2251) [Local Approval Received]. Conway,— fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Cotuit Fire District (House, No. 2258). Cotuit Fire District.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Cotuit Fire District to raise and appropriate money for the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit (House, No. 2259). Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to firefighter residency (House, No. 2260). Firefighters,— residency.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill Bridgewater town charter article II, legislative branch section 2-13(a) annual stipend [sic] (House, No. 2268) [Local Approval Received]. Bridgewater,— stipends.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill Bridgewater town charter article IV, town manager "temporary absence" [sic] (House, No. 2269) [Local Approval Received]. Bridgewater,— town manager.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Avon to appoint a town clerk (House, No. 2270) [Local Approval Received]. Avon,— clerk.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Sudbury to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 2273) [Local Approval Received]. Sudbury,— bag fee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Denise Mattera (Condelli), widow of School Committeeman Anthony Mattera (House, No. 2275) [Local Approval Received]. Revere,— Denise Mattera.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to local option for associate members of planning boards (House, No. 2300). Planning boards.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to special education reserve funds (House, No. 2303). Special education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a regional school assessment reserve fund (House, No. 2304). Regional schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Regional Commissions on the Status of Women (House, No. 2313). Status of women.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Berkley (House, No. 2320) [Local Approval Received]. Berkley,— treasurer-collector.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to local journalism (House, No. 2323). Local journalism.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, July 14, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communications.

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Gaming Commission.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 70 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Burial at sea,— fees.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 7 of Chapter 3B and Section 14 of Chapter 38 of the General Laws) submitting the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's amendment of fees assessed for cremation or burial at sea views;

Shelters,— background checks.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 12 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Emergency Assistance Family Shelter Program Background Check Feasibility Study;

Firearms safety.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 152 of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Legislative Report on the Live Firearms Training Component of the Basic Firearms Safety Certificate Requirement;

Family resource centers.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0051 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the program evaluation report of the Massachusetts Family Resource Center Network for calendar year 2024;

Dual eligible initiative.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the MassHealth Dual Eligible Initiative report for calendar year 2025;

Chief Medical Examiner.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-0105 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Chief Medical Examiner's annual report for fiscal year 2024; and

ConnectorCare.

From the Massachusetts Health Connector (see Section 81 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the ConnectorCare Expansion Pilot Annual Report for fiscal year 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Lowell,— rodenticides.

By Representative Howard of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4266) of Vanna Howard and others (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Lowell be authorized to further regulate the application of second-

generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said city. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Boston,—Constantinos Papadopoulos.

By Representative MacGregor of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4267) of William F. MacGregor (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Constantinos Papadopoulos as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Wrentham,—civil service.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4268) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Wrentham be authorized to remove the position of lieutenant of the police department of said town from the civil service law.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Wrentham,—George Labonte.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4269) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Wrentham be authorized to exempt certain real estate owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of former deputy police chief George C. Labonte from taxation. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Behavioral analysis.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Christine P. Barber relative to applied behavioral analysis reimbursement rates. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Boston,—easement.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William F. MacGregor that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to release a certain sewer line easement in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Farm goods,—transportation.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James C. Arena-DeRosa and Kathleen R. LaNatra relative to the transportation of farm goods. To the committee on Transportation.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Avon,—town clerk.

Authorizing the town of Avon to appoint a town clerk (House, No. 2270) [Local Approval Received];

Revere,—Anthony Mattera.

Authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Denise Mattera (Condelli), widow of School Committeeman Anthony Mattera (House, No. 2275) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hardwick,—election.

Validating the results of the special election held in the town of Hardwick on January 18, 2025 (printed in, House, No. 4004);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Supplemental appropriations.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (Senate, No. 2540), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4265 [Total Appropriation: $536,832,564.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2540, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of rules, on further motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House.

External defibrillators.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill requiring automatic external defibrillators in Norfolk County public buildings (House, No. 2349).

Bourne,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Barnstable County and the town of Bourne to convey land and certain interests in land in the town of Bourne (House, No. 2351) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Water resource funds.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds (House, No. 2324).

Newton,— residency requirements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill extending residency requirements for members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of the city of Newton (House, No. 2335) [Local Approval Received].

Assessor certificates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to assessor certificates (House, No. 2336).

Plumbing or gas fitting work.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to additional inspectors; inspector engaging in plumbing or gas fitting work (House, No. 2337).

Acushnet,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Acushnet (House, No. 2341) [Local Approval Received].

Sandwich,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (House, No. 2357) [Local Approval Received].

Quincy,— lease extension.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Quincy to enter into a lease extension to Quarry Hills Associates, Limited Partnership (House, No. 3897) [Local Approval Received].

Natick,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the town of Natick home rule charter (House, No. 3898) [Local Approval Received].

Millis,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill revising the charter of the town of Millis, as amended (House, No. 3911) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from three members to five (House, No. 3912) [Local Approval Received]. Marblehead,— board of health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Seekonk (House, No. 3913) [Local Approval Received]. Seekonk,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Dartmouth Fire District No. 1 to appoint the position of treasurer (House, No. 3952). Dartmouth Fire District.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill in the town of Hanson local licenses and permits; denial, revocation or suspension for failure to comply with conditions of approval (House, No. 3953) [Local Approval Received]. Hanson,— licenses and permits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Becket (House, No. 3977) [Local Approval Received]. Becket,— conservation commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the organization and governance structure of the town of Rochester (House, No. 4030) [Local Approval Received]. Rochester,— governance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Lanesborough Select Board (House, No. 4056) [Local Approval Received]. Lanesborough,— select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the mayor of the city of Haverhill to submit special legislation to increase the membership of the board of health from three members to five members (House, No. 4057) [Local Approval Received]. Haverhill,— board of health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the city of Cambridge employment and job training trust (House, No. 4134) [Local Approval Received]. Cambridge,— job training trust.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the town manager act of Arlington relative to the appointment and management of the town clerk (House, No. 4135) [Local Approval Received]. Arlington,— town clerk.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to stabilization funds in the town of Leicester (House, No. 4136) [Local Approval Received]. Leicester,— funds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town to establish a millennium fund of the Wayland Free Public Library (House, No. 4137) [Local Approval Received]. Wayland Free Public Library.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill allowing "print-free" digital legal notices for the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4138) [Local Approval Received]. Wellesley,— digital notices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Wellesley to dissolve its Housing Development Corporation (House, No. 4139) [Local Approval Received]. Wellesley,— corporation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to non-civil service public safety personnel in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4140) [Local Approval Received]. Wellesley,— residency requirement.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and Supplemental appropriations.

projects (Senate, No. 2540, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4265).

Committee of conference.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Rodrigues, Comerford and O'Connor had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

On motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the House insisted on its amendment; and concurred with the Senate in the appointment of a committee of conference. Representatives Michlewitz, Ferrante of Gloucester and Smola of Warren were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be noted.

General Court,— compensation.

A report of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2100) of John F. Keenan and Rebecca L. Rausch that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission on additional regular compensation for certain members and annual expenses for members of general court, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Berkley,— liquor licenses.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2553) of Kelly A. Dooner and Norman J. Orrall (by vote of the town) to authorize the town of Berkley to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Berkley,— recall elections.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2552) of Kelly A. Dooner and Norman J. Orrall (by vote of the town) to authorize the town of Berkley to recall elected officials. To the committee on Election Laws.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to supply water to the Lynnfield Center Water District within the town of Lynnfield (House, No. 972), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-three minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Gabriel House Assisted Living residents.

At the request of Representatives Fiola of Fall River, Ouellette of Westport and Silvia of Fall River, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence for the 9 residents killed, and the 30 residents and 5 firefighters who were injured in the tragic Gabriel House Assisted Living fire Sunday evening in Fall River. We thank the first responders who saved 60 lives and the community members who have demonstrated an outpouring of support. Our thoughts are with the families of those we lost and with the survivors as they recover from this tragedy.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barrett of North Adams, DeCoste of Norwell, Duffy of Holyoke, Ferrante of Gloucester, Sangiolo of Newton, Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, and Ultrino of Malden had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Special Communication.

The following communication, together with returns of votes and schedules therein referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:—

July 9, 2025.

To the Honorable House:

Returns of votes for Representative in the Third Bristol District.

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the special election held in this Commonwealth on the tenth day of June, 2025, for Representative in the General Court, Third Bristol District, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The communication was read; and, there being no objection, it was placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Governor notified.

Ordered, That a special committee of the House be appointed to wait upon Her Excellency the Governor and inform her that Representative-elect Lisa M. Field of the Third Bristol District is ready to take the oaths and affirmations of qualification.

The Chair then appointed Representatives Fiola of Fall River, Scanlon of North Attleboro, LaNatra of Kingston, Hawkins of Attleboro, Hendricks of New Bedford, Kane of Shrewsbury and Wong of Saugus as the special committee of the House.

Subsequently Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee, reported that they had attended to the duties assigned to them, and that the Governor had stated that she would attend forthwith and administer the oaths of office.

Member Qualified.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

Representative Field of Taunton,— qualification.

Soon afterward Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healey, accompanied by Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Kim Driscoll, and members of the Honorable Council came in; the oaths and affirmation required by the Constitution and laws was administered by the Governor to Ms. Field, and were subscribed by her; after which Her Excellency declared that Ms. Field was duly qualified to enter upon the discharge of her duties.

Her Excellency the Governor, Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and the Honorable Councillors present then departed the Chamber under escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms. Ms. Field then was assigned to Seat No. 156 by the Speaker.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Scottish festival.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) recognizing the thirtieth anniversary of the Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival; and

Gerald Finnegan.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Sangiolo of Newton and Michael Moran of Boston) congratulating Father Gerald Francis Finnegan, SJ on fifty-eight years of ministry as a priest and more than seven decades as a member of the Society of Jesus;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4288) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to the inclusion of commercial fishermen as a designated vocation for affordable and attainable housing preference in the town of Chatham; Chatham,— commercial fishermen.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4289) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Chatham; and Chatham,— community housing.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4290) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) that the town of Chatham be authorized to establish a housing trust fund in said town. Chatham,— housing trust fund.

Severally to the committee on Housing.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4291) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to exempting the town of Chatham from the prevailing wage law. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Chatham,— prevailing wage law.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Kerans of Danvers presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sally P. Kerans for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Stephanie Bramante Miller, an employee of the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Stephanie Bramante Miller,— sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2101) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to require that joint committee rules of procedure be adopted within 4 weeks of the appointment of the joint standing committees, and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Rules,— accepted by the Senate, in so much as relates to the discharge of the committee, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence. Joint committees.

A report of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2099) of James B. Eldridge, Patricia D. Jehlen, Mike Connolly, Erika Uyterhoeven and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide sunlight to state government,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence. State government,— transparency.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on Alexandra Schwartz,—

the petition of Thomas M. Stanley and Michael J. Barrett for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Alexandra Schwartz, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of State Police. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. sick leave.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1512) of Richard M. Haggerty, David F. DeCoste and Colleen M. Garry relative to the operations of local housing authorities; Local housing authorities.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1514) of James K. Hawkins and Colleen M. Garry relative to zoning ordinances in MBTA communities; and Zoning ordinances.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1535) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to triennial reports on the impacts of multi-family zoning in MBTA communities; Zoning,— MBTA communities.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2347) of Andres X. Vargas, Tara T. Hong and Vanna Howard relative to zoning ordinances and taxation of land owned by religious sects or denominations for multifamily housing,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Housing. Zoning,— religious sects.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill providing for the ownership and maintenance of the Town Line Brook and Linden Brook culverts and dams (House, No. 956) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Town Line and Linden Brooks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Douglas State Forest Maintenance Trust Fund (House, No. 1002). Douglas State Forest.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to provide for housing within the Manuel F. Correllus State Forest (House, No. 1007). Correllus State Forest.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill creating the Manuel F. Correllus State Forest Trust Fund (House, No. 1008) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a study of Kingsbury Pond in the town of Norfolk (House, No. 1061) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Norfolk,— Kingsbury Pond.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill dedicating certain park and field space in the South Boston section of the city of Boston (House, No. 899). Boston,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to water flow in the Central Plymouth County Water District (House, No. 984). Central Plymouth County.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 1069). Milton and Canton.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to wastewater treatment and disposal in the town of Sandwich (House, No. 1073) [Local Approval Received]. Sandwich,— wastewater.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill dissolving the Whately Water District (House, No. 2250, changed in section 1, in line 1, by inserting after the word "contrary," the following: "but subject to paragraphs (a), (b) and (g) of section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws,"). Whately Water District.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter in the city of Lynn (House, No. 4149) [Local Approval Received]. Lynn,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the town of Richmond Free Public Library (House, No. 4154) [Local Approval Received]. Richmond,— library.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a charter for the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4156) [Local Approval Received]. Cambridge,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating procurements by the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4157) [Local Approval Received]. Cambridge,— procurements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill expanding the select board of the town of Weston (House, No. 4158) [Local Approval Received]. Weston,— select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Acton to establish a minimum charge for a checkout bag (House, No. 4167) [Local Approval Received]. Acton,— bag fee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Acton to increase the residency limit for members of its police and fire departments (House, No. 4168) [Local Approval Received]. Acton,— residency limit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the special legislation establishing the Acton Memorial Library (House, No. 4173) [Local Approval Received]. Acton,— library.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Ayer Library (House, No. 4174) [Local Approval Received]. Ayer,— library.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4175) [Local Approval Received]. Provincetown,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4176) [Local Approval Received]. Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Watertown to lease property at 124 Watertown street, Watertown (former Parker school) (House, No. 4205) [Local Approval Received]. Watertown,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4146, a Bill establishing a charter for the city of Medford (House, No. 4263) [Local Approval Received]. Medford,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4153, a Bill establishing a charter for the city of Somerville (House, No. 4264) [Local Approval Received]. Somerville,— charter.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Recess.

Recess.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair) the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at eighteen minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

Health care protections.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill strengthening health care protections in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2543), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4271. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2543, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn), was read a third time.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence, (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) Mr. McKenna of Sutton and other members of the House then moved to amend it by adding the following section:

"SECTION 27. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 51B ½.

(a) All state agencies shall cease funding ad campaigns which dissuade pregnant women from choosing pregnancy resource centers to assist with their pregnancy.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

'Pregnancy Resource Center', any organization that is a pregnancy resource center, pregnancy help center or organization, or pregnancy medical center, that: (i) supports expectant mothers in promoting pregnancy equity; and (ii) offers resources and services to mothers, fathers, and families, including, but not limited to, relationship counseling, prenatal and pregnancy education, pregnancy testing, diapers, baby clothes, or material supports.

'Ad campaign', any advertisement, including, but not limited to, those on billboards, buses, trains, garbage cans, television commercials, and social media, which dissuade pregnant women from choosing pregnancy resource centers to assist with their pregnancy.

(c) All state agencies shall suspend negative ad campaigns against pregnancy resource centers, which dissuade pregnant women from choosing pregnancy resource centers to assist with their pregnancy in the commonwealth. Any agency, including, but not limited to the department of public health, that provides or oversees services for the wellbeing of pregnant mothers, shall equally promote all facilities serving such needs, including, but not limited to, pregnancy resource centers and licensed medical facilities.

(d) All existing state laws or regulations in conflict with this section shall be unenforceable under state law.".

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Soter of Bellingham then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 27. Section 11I 1/2 of chapter 12 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of 'Legally protected health care activity' and inserting in place thereof the following definition:

'Legally-protected health care activity', (i) the exercise and enjoyment, or attempted exercise and enjoyment, by any person of rights to reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care services secured by the constitution or laws of the commonwealth or the provision of insurance coverage for such services; (ii) any act or omission undertaken to aid or encourage, or attempt to aid or encourage, any person in the exercise and enjoyment, or attempted exercise and enjoyment, of rights to reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care services secured by the constitution or laws of the commonwealth; or (iii) the refusal by any person to obtain reproductive health care services, gender-affirming health care services or any other preventative medical care on behalf of themselves or their minor children; provided, however, that the provision of such a health care service by a person duly licensed under the laws of the commonwealth and physically present in the commonwealth and the provision of insurance coverage for such services shall be legally protected if the service is permitted under the laws of the commonwealth, regardless of the patient's location; and provided further, that 'legally-protected health care activity' shall not include any service rendered below an applicable professional standard of care or that would violate anti-discrimination laws of the commonwealth.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 30 members voted in the affirmative and 129 in the negative.

Amendment rejected,—yea and nay No. 63.

[See Yea and Nay No. 63 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Ms. Kilcoyne of Clinton then moved to amend the bill in section 12, in line 191, by inserting after the word "meanings:" the following:

" 'Abortion', as defined in section 12K of chapter 112.

'Abortion-related health care services', all supplies, care and services of a medical, behavioral health, mental health, surgical, psychiatric, therapeutic, diagnostic, preventative, rehabilitative or supportive nature relating to miscarriage management or the termination of a pregnancy.", in line 210, by striking out the text contained in that line; and in lines 212, 218, 222 and 228, by striking out the word "reproductive" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words "abortion or abortion-related".

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 130 members voted in the affirmative and 29 in the negative.

Amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 64.

[See Yea and Nay No. 64 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Vargas of Haverhill then moved to amend the bill in section 12 by adding the following paragraph:

"(f) A business that discloses, transfers or processes information solely for the purposes of payment, treatment or health care operations, as defined by 45 CFR 164.501, shall not be in violation of this section.".

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Decker of Cambridge then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 24 the following section:

"SECTION 24A. (a) The commissioner of public health shall convene a technical advisory group to review section 70I of chapter 111 of the General Laws to advise on technical aspects of the implementation of said section 70I of said chapter 111, including regulations necessary to implement said section. Not later than July 1, 2026, the technical advisory group shall make recommendations to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on the judiciary on measures necessary to mitigate restrictions on appropriate data sharing that limit interoperability to ensure access to necessary clinical information to maximize appropriate clinical care.

(b) The technical advisory group shall explore and make recommendations on: (i) the standardization of service definitions and terminology and structured standardized data; (ii) reducing the administrative burden and impacts on clinical care of patient consent forms, including through the use of consent management platforms; (iii) mitigating restrictions of appropriate data sharing and limitations on interoperability that impact patient care; (iv) the appropriateness of exempting information accessed, used and disclosed for treatment, payment and health care operation purposes; and (v) minimizing penalties for a business that makes a good faith effort to implement said section 70I of said chapter 111.

(c) The technical advisory group shall consist of the following members: the commissioner of public health or a designee, who shall serve as chair; a representative of the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association; a representative of the Massachusetts Medical Society; a representative of the Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals; a representative of the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts; a representative of Fenway Health; a representative of the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans; a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts; a representative of the Massachusetts eHealth Institute; a representative with expertise in health information privacy; a representative with expertise in health information technology; a representative of Health Care for All; and 2 persons with lived experience.".

The amendment was adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) 136 members voted in the affirmative and 23 in the negative.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 65.

[See Yea and Nay No. 65 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 2543, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment (being the text contained in House document numbered 4294).

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Qunicy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Mr. Jones of North Reading then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at twenty-six minutes after three o'clock P.M. (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Municipalities.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to empowering municipalities and local governments (House, No. 56) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, January 31.

The message was read; and, along with the accompanying draft of a bill, and it was referred, under Rule 30, as follows:

So much as relates to sections 1 to 17, inclusive, 20 to 44, inclusive, 73 to 82, inclusive, and 87 ─ to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government;

So much as relates to sections 18, 19, 83, 84 and 88─ to the committee on Public Service; and

So much as relates to sections 45 to 72, inclusive, 85 and 86 ─ to the committee on Revenue.

Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Guests of the House.

The Green Team.

During the session, the Chair declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Green Team of the Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation. These young adults are working in Boston to protect our environment. They were the guests of Mr. Consalvo of Boston.

Operation Friendship

During the session, the Chair declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, exchange students from France and Sweden who were taking part in Operation Friendship from Palmer. They were the guests of Mr. Smola of Warren.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Hopkinton,—library trustees.

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4292) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) relative to appointment powers of the board of library trustees in the town of Hopkinton; and

Hopkinton,—economic development.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4293) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that town of Hopkinton be authorized to establish an economic development special revenue account in said town.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to penalties for law enforcement officers wearing masks or personal disguises while interacting with the public in the performance of their duties. — Law enforcement,— masks.

By Representative Madaro of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Adrian C. Madaro relative to modernizing the governance of port authority parks in the East Boston section of the city of Boston. — Boston,— port authority.

By Representative Marsi of Dudley, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Marsi relative to exempting precious metal purchases from the sales tax. — Precious metals,— sales tax.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to witness intimidation. — Witness intimidation.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to establish an exemption for personal vehicle values from the MassHealth asset limits. — Asset limits,— vehicle value.

By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven George Xiarhos that a certain overpass on State Route 6 in the town of Sandwich be designated as the U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville veterans memorial overpass. — Sandwich,— overpass.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Frank A. Moran, Adam J. Scanlon and others for legislation to establish a special task force (including members of the General Court) to review and report on vocational admissions policies. To the committee on Education. — Vocational schools,— admissions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Rob Consalvo that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to designate the tennis courts located in Weider Park in the Roslindale section of the city of Boston as the Kim O'Connell tennis courts. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. — Boston,— park.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Sally P. Kerans relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus. To the committee on Public Health. — Newborn screenings.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Sally P. Kerans for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Stephanie Bramante Miller, an employee of the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board. To the committee on Public Service. — Stephanie Bramante Miller.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to local journalism (House, No. 2323); — Journalism.

Relative to assessor certificates (House, No. 2336); — Assessors.

Relative to Machado-Joseph Disease Awareness Day (House, No. 3298); Machado-Joseph.

Amending the charter of the town of Seekonk (House, No. 3913) [Local Approval Received]; Seekonk,— charter.

Authorizing Dartmouth Fire District No. 1 to appoint the position of treasurer (House, No. 3952); and Dartmouth Fire District.

Authorizing the town to establish a millennium fund of the Wayland Free Public Library (House, No. 4137) [Local Approval Received]; Wayland Free Public Library.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a joint petition, a Bill investigating the economic impact of certain Massachusetts laws (House, No. 334). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Minimum pricing laws,— commission.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to the registration of veterinarians (House, No. 337). Veterinarians,— registration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to genetic counselors (House, No. 338). Genetic counselors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 343 and 436, a Bill requiring fair housing education for all real estate licensees (House, No. 343). Realtors,— education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating thoroughbred breeding (House, No. 347). Thoroughbred breeding.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the licensure of behavior analysts (House, No. 348). Behavior analysts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to regulating the septic industry (House, No. 391). Septic regulations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing professional licensure opportunities (House, No. 420). Occupational licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 346, a Bill relative to posting information about the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline (House, No. 4270). Human trafficking.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to sales at retail (House, No. 318). Food sales.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to clarifying the self-storage law for consumers (House, No. 340). Self-storage laws.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Holyoke (House, No. 360) [Local Approval Received]. Holyoke,— liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect innovation and entrepreneurship in the Commonwealth (House, No. 401). Patent infringement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 37, 440 and 442 and on a part of House, No. 35, a Bill authorizing charity alcohol auctions (House, No. 442). Alcohol,— charity auctions.

Lexington,—liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Lexington to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3893) [Local Approval Received].

Dartmouth,—liquor license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Dartmouth to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4006) [Local Approval Received].

Wellfleet,—lease.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Wellfleet selectboard to lease property to the Wellfleet food pantry, inc (House, No. 2310, changed in section 1, in line 2, by inserting after the word "contrary," the following: "but subject to paragraphs (a),(b) and (g) of section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws,") [Local Approval Received].

Watertown,—digital legal notices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Watertown to publish digital legal notices (House, No. 2321, changed in section 2, in lines 15 and 18, by striking out the figure: "2" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the figure: "1") [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Monday, July 21, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Lawn of Watertown.

A statement of Mr. Lawn of Watertown was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Lawn of Watertown.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, July 16. Had I been present, I would have voted in the negative on Yea and Nay No. 63 and in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 64 and 65.

Guests of the House.

Ambassador of Nepal to the U.S.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, His Excellency Mr. Lokdarshan Regmi, Ambassador of Nepal to the United States of America.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Holyoke,—civil service.

By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4299) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to exempt the position of fire chief in said city from the provisions of the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Chatham,—transfer fee.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4300) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) that the town of Chatham be authorized to establish a real property transfer fee in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Parrots,—sales

Representative Arriaga of Chicopee presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to the sale of parrots; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Relative to the uniform child custody jurisdiction and enforcement act (Senate, No. 2550) (on Senate bill No. 1052); and — Child custody.

Relative to fairness in debt collection (Senate, No. 2559) (on Senate bill No. 2551, amended); — Debt collection.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Kelly A. Dooner for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Gregory Baker, an employee of the Suffolk County Sherriff's office, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Public Service. — Gregory Baker,— sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2560) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Leigh Davis for legislation to authorize the Dalton Fire District to continue the employment of interim fire chief Christopher Francis Cachat. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. — Christopher Cachat,— employment.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Carol A. Doherty for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service. — Carlos Borges,— sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to the town of Cheshire's special election (House, No. 801) [Local Approval Received]; — Cheshire,— special election.

Authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 1024); — Sharon,— land.

Relative to further increasing the fines for cruelty to animals, and establishing a fund dedicated to improvements for local animal shelters (House, No. 2247); — Animal cruelty.

Relative to the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Berkley (House, No. 2320) [Local Approval Received]; — Berkley,— treasurer.

Amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (House, No. 2357) [Local Approval Received]; — Sandwich,— charter.

Making amendments to the Massachusetts Business Corporation Act (House, No. 3323); — Business corporations.

Authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 4009); — Sharon,— sewer services.

Establishing a charter for the city of Medford (House, No. 4263) [Local Approval Received]; — Medford,— charter.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Municipal roads and bridges.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4257), ought to pass [Bond Issue: $1,185,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Security breaches.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill relative to protecting sensitive information from security breaches (House, No. 93) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Cosmetology and barbering exams.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Board of Registration of Cosmetology and Barbering exams (House, No. 404).

Streamlining licensure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to streamlining licensure, compliance, and contracting opportunities (House, No. 421, changed in lines 13 by striking out the year: "2023" and inserting in place thereof the year: "2025" and in line 52 by striking out the year: "2023" and inserting in place thereof the year: "2026").

Veterinary technicians.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 407, a Bill regulating the practice and licensure of veterinary technicians (House, No. 4278).

Teacher benefits.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to benefits for teachers (House, No. 2932).

Agricultural land,— separation.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, No. 3256, a Bill relative to the separation of agricultural land for renewable energy purposes (House, No. 4295) [Representatives Lombardo of Billerica and Boldyga of Southwick dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Surveillance pricing.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill relative to surveillance pricing in grocery stores (House, No. 99) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Residential contracting agreements.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to partial payment (House, No. 362).

Real estate appraisers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill updating real estate appraiser record retention requirements (House, No. 405).

Telemarketer disclosures.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to telemarketer disclosures (House, No. 438).

Fortune tellers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill eliminating the residency requirement for fortune tellers (House, No. 475).

Malt beverages.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the sale of malt beverages produced by a pub brewery (House, No. 478).

Hudson,— liquor license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 386, a Bill authorizing the town of Hudson to grant 1 additional license for the sale of wine and

malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4272) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 387, a Bill authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4273) [Local Approval Received]. Maynard,— liquor license.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill allowing the town of Williamstown to expand financial eligibility for senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3026) [Local Approval Received]. Williamstown,— property taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to taxes due upon the death of active duty personnel and the elderly (House, No. 3051). Taxes,— death.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the city of Springfield (House, No. 3213) [Local Approval Received]. Springfield,— property taxes.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel Yender, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4104), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. Daniel Yender,— sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing relative to a sick leave bank for Mark Kratman, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4161), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. Mark Kratman,— sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At thirteen minutes before twelve o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Day of Stoneham.

A statement of Mr. Day of Stoneham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Day of Stoneham.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a private family commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay No. 66. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Boldyga of Southwick, Duffy of Holyoke, Ferrante of Gloucester, Peisch of Wellesley and Ultrino of Malden had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Guests of the House.

Bellingham Council on Aging.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, standing in the well of the House Chamber, members of the Bellingham Council on Aging. They were the guests of Mr. Soter of Bellingham.

Resolutions.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Cabral of New Bedford, Hendricks of New Bedford, Markey of Dartmouth, Sylvia of Fairhaven and Ouellette of Westport) honoring the two hundredth anniversary of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E) of New Bedford, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Longmeadow,—preliminary elections.

By Representative Ashe of Longmeadow and Senator Oliveira, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4309) of Brian M. Ashe (by vote of the town) relative to preliminary elections in the town of Longmeadow. To the committee on Election Laws.

Belmont,—rodenticides.

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge and Senator Brownsberger, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4310) of David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) that the town of Belmont be authorized to further regulate the application of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Provincetown,—housing trust fund.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4311) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to the year-round market rate rental housing trust fund in the town of Provincetown. To the committee on Housing.

Longmeadow,—charter.

By Representative Ashe of Longmeadow and Senator Oliveira, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4312) of Brian M. Ashe (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Longmeadow;

North Brookfield,—digital legal notices.

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Durant, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4313) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Peter J. Durant (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize digital legal notices for the town of North Brookfield; and

Hingham,—municipal property.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4314) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) that the town of Hingham be authorized to use municipal property as the location for a center for active living.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Westfield,—firefighters.

By Representative Pease of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4315) of Kelly W. Pease (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Westfield be authorized to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of firefighter in said city. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Lobular breast cancer day.

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and Garballey of Arlington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate October 15th as lobular breast cancer awareness day.

Dale Kiley,—retirement.

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Durant, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Peter J. Durant relative to the retirement benefits of Dale R. Kiley, a retired state trooper.

Organ transport vehicles.

By Representative Donato of Medford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to regulate organ transport vehicles.

Loads,—transportation.

By Representative Galvin of Canton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin relative to permitting for the transportation of certain loads.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to legal advertisements and public notices (House, No. 2243); — Legal notices.

Relative to making the charter of the city of Chicopee gender neutral (House, No. 2244) [Local Approval Received]; — Chicopee,— charter.

Establishing a special fund for the festival of the hills receipts for the town of Conway (House, No. 2251) [Local Approval Received]; — Conway,— fund.

Relative to the Cotuit Fire District (House, No. 2258); — Cotuit fire.

Authorizing the Cotuit Fire District to raise and appropriate money for the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit (House, No. 2259); — Id.

Relative to firefighter residency (House, No. 2260); — Firefighters.

Bridgewater town charter article II, legislative branch section 2-13(a) annual stipend [sic] (House, No. 2268) [Local Approval Received]; — Bridgewater,— stipends.

Bridgewater town charter article IV, town manager "temporary absence" [sic] (House, No. 2269) [Local Approval Received]; — Bridgewater,— town manager.

Authorizing the town of Sudbury to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 2273) [Local Approval Received]; — Sudbury,— bag fee.

Allowing the town of Williamstown to expand financial eligibility for senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3026) [Local Approval Received]; — Williamstown,— property taxes.

Authorizing the town of Lexington to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3893) [Local Approval Received]; — Lexington,— liquor licenses.

Increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from three members to five (House, No. 3912) [Local Approval Received]; — Marblehead,— health board.

Allowing "print-free" digital legal notices for the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4138) [Local Approval Received]; — Wellesley,— digital notices.

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to dissolve its Housing Development Corporation (House, No. 4139) [Local Approval Received]; — Wellesley,— corporation.

Relative to non-civil service public safety personnel in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4140) [Local Approval Received]; — Wellesley,— residency.

Expanding the select board of the town of Weston (House, No. 4158) [Local Approval Received]; — Weston,— select board.

Authorizing the city of Watertown to lease property at 124 Watertown street, Watertown (former Parker school) (House, No. 4205) [Local Approval Received]; and — Watertown,— land.

Establishing a charter for the city of Somerville (House, No. 4264) [Local Approval Received]. — Somerville,— charter.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Sylvia of Fairhaven, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 388, 410 and 413, a Bill governing your membership in fitness clubs (House, No. 4274). — Fitness club memberships.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 418, a Bill relative to the adjudicative process of the Board of State Examiners of Electricians (House, No. 4279). — Electricians.

Licensure exams.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 423, a Bill relative to increasing language offerings for licensure exams (House, No. 4280).

Irrigation contractors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 473, a Bill relative to the registration of irrigation contractors (House, No. 4283).

Vehicle recalls.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 474, a Bill relative to vehicle recalls (House, No. 4284).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Alcohol licenses.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 390, a Bill relative to alcohol license permits and suspensions (House, No. 4275).

Swansea,—liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 399, a Bill re-authorizing the town of Swansea to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4276) [Local Approval Received].

Check cashers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 400, a Bill creating a maximum allowable check-cashing rate for check cashers (House, No. 4277).

Alcohol wholesalers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 435 and 445, a Bill relative to successor supplier laws and the termination of sales to wholesalers of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4281).

Palmer,—liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 466, a Bill authorizing the town of Palmer to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4282) [Local Approval Received].

Alcohol permitting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 36 and 477 and on a part of House, No. 35, a Bill modernizing the Massachusetts alcohol permitting laws (House, No. 4285).

Somerset,—liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3906, a Bill authorizing the town of Somerset to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 4286) [Local Approval Received].

West Springfield,—liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4155, a Bill authorizing the city known as the town of West Springfield to grant 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4287) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Recess.

At twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair) the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and twenty-nine minutes before two o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Municipal roads and bridges,—bonds.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),—By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4257),

ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4307) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: $1,185,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—yea and nay No. 66.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Arciero of Westford; and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 66 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill validating the results of the special election held in the town of Hardwick on January 18, 2025 (printed in House, No. 4004), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Representative Vieira of Falmouth moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Matthew C. Patrick, a member of the House from Falmouth from 2001 to 2010, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at one minute before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, July 24, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Lombardo of Billerica.

A statement of Mr. Lombardo of Billerica was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Lombardo of Billerica.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for yesterday's sitting due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay No. 66. My missing of roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Resolutions.

Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Vieira of Falmouth) congratulating the Sport Fish Restoration Program on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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Energy Efficiency Council.

From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 22 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws) submitting the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC) report for calendar years 2022 and 2023;

Capital gains transfers.

From the Office of the Comptroller (under Section 5G of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Capital Gains Tax Revenue Transfers to the Stabilization Fund, the State Retiree Trust Fund, and the Pension Liability Fund for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025;

Municipal Police Training Fund.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 35EEE of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the Municipal Police Training Fund (MPTF) legislative report for fiscal year 2024;

Plymouth County Correctional Facility.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from June 13, 2025 to July 10, 2025; Temporary Respite Center.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the July 10, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; Emergency housing assistance.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7066-0025 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF) legislative report for fiscal year 2024; Higher Education Innovation Fund.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7066-0036 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the STEM Starter Academy Annual Evaluation Report, Year 10, for fiscal year 2024; and STEM.

From the Office for Refugees and Immigrants (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report for June, 2025; Resettlement Agency.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for June, 2025, was placed on file. Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Petitions.

An additional petition (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock P.M., on Friday, January 17, 2025) was referred, under Rule 24, as follows:

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4317) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and Steven George Xiarhos that the State Retirement Board be authorized to grant creditable service for certain employment with the federal fire department at the Otis Air National Guard Base. To the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. National Guard,— creditable service.

Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4318) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Harwich affordable housing trust to provide for the creation of attainable housing; and the same was referred to the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Harwich,— affordable housing.

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Kelly A. Dooner and Justin Thurber for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges, an employee of the department of correction, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Public Service. Carlos Borges,— sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2562) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing the city of Quincy to enter into a lease extension to Quarry Hills Associates, Limited Partnership (House, No. 3897) [Local Approval Received]; Quincy,—lease.

Amending the town manager act of Arlington relative to the appointment and management of the town clerk (House, No. 4135) [Local Approval Received]; Arlington,—town clerk.

Authorizing the town of Hudson to grant 1 additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4272) [Local Approval Received]; and Hudson,—liquor license.

Authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4273) [Local Approval Received]. Maynard,—liquor license.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill regulating surgical assistants (House, No. 327) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Surgical assistants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill boosting flu prevention for seniors (House, No. 764) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Flu prevention.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to collaborative drug therapy management optimization (House, No. 2372). Collaborative drug therapy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to protecting public health and reducing health care costs (House, No. 2389) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Health impacts,—energy use.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to strengthen our public health infrastructure to address Alzheimer's and all dementia (House, No. 2398). Alzheimer's and dementia care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to patient assessment and notification prior to prescribing certain medications (House, No. 2414). Medication prescriptions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer (House, No. 2432). Pancreatic cancer.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to diabetes prevention (House, No. 2441) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Diabetes,—prevention.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to proper classification of health care workers during a public health emergency (House, No. 2463). Health care workers,—vaccine access.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill advancing health care research and decision-making centered on patients and people with disabilities (House, No. 1358). Persons with disabilities,— health research.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2394 and 2521, a Bill to restrict the use of polystyrene (House, No. 2394). Polystyrene,— restrictions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to study the youth sports industry and other related matters (House, No. 2474) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Youth sports,— commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting best practices in youth athletic coaching (House, No. 2508) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Youth sports,— coaching.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, Nos. 2574 and 2581, a Bill to require seat belts on school buses (House, No. 2574). School buses,— safety belts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enhance child passenger safety (House, No. 2603). Child passengers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a study relative to the necessity of certain snow safety procedures (House, No. 2613). Snow,— roofs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to more accessible 911 disability indicator forms (House, No. 2633). Disability indicators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring health care employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (House, No. 2655). Workplace violence prevention.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to American Sign Language training (House, No. 2723). American Sign Language.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill [sic] preserve license plate actionable toll enforcement and safety (House, No. 2725). License plates,— covering.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers (House, No. 2726). Human trafficking.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the availability of personal floatation devices at certain municipal and recreational programs and camps (House, No. 2731). Personal flotation devices.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill facilitating access to justice in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 3309). Middlesex South registry of deeds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Framingham (House, No. 3418). Framingham,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3324, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to dispose of certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4296). Brockton,— land.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 2412 and 2517, a Bill to update postural screenings in schools (House, No. 2517). Postural screenings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to routine childhood immunizations (House, No. 2554) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Childhood immunizations.

Motor vehicle battery storage.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle battery storage (House, No. 2652).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill relative to the town of Cheshire's special election (House, No. 801), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, July 28, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Changes in Joint Standing Committees.

The Speaker announced, under the provisions of House Rule 18A, that he had made the following changes and appointments to joint standing committees:

Joint committees.

That Representative O'Day of West Boylston has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Aging and Independence, and that Representative Field of Taunton has been appointed to the fifth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Representative Donato of Medford has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, and that Representative Field of Taunton has been appointed to the eighth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Representative O'Day of West Boylston has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, and that Representative Field of Taunton has been appointed to the fifth position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

That Representative O'Day of West Boylston has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, and that Representative Field of Taunton has been appointed to the fifth position on said committee to fill the vacancy.

Guests of the House.

LABBB Collaborative students.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced students from Lexington, Arlington, Belmont, Bedford and Burlington. The students are participants in the LABBB Collaborative at Burlington High School. They were the guests of Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Rogers of Arlington.

Additional Petition.

An additional petition (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock P.M., on Friday, January 17, 2025) was referred, under Rule 24, as follows:

Office of freedmen affairs.

Representative Fluker-Reid of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4351) of Brandy Fluker-Reid and Samantha Montaño for legislation to establish the Massachusetts office of freedmen affairs. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Williamstown,— library trustees.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4347) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) relative to the terms of library trustees in the town of Williamstown; and

Norton,— unpaid bill.

By Representatives Howitt of Seekonk and Chaisson of Foxborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4348) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) that the town of Norton be authorized to pay a certain unpaid bill.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,— Luis Cabral.

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4349) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Luis Cabral as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Brookline,— transfer fee.

By Representative Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4350) of Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Brookline be authorized to levy a real estate transfer fee on certain real property transfers in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Veterans' assistance program.

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger for legislation to establish the temporary emergency veterans' assistance program.

Retirees,— hours.

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., for legislation to increase the amount of hours that retired public employees may work for certain additional public service.

Family self-sufficiency program.

By Representatives Cruz of Salem and Bowen of Beverly, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Manny Cruz, Hannah Bowen and John Francis Moran for legislation to expand access to the family self-sufficiency program.

Aayden Daniels,— sick leave.

By Representative Field of Taunton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lisa Field for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Aayden Daniels, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Fall River,— fire stations.

By Representative Gaskey of Carver, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John R. Gaskey for legislation to make appropriations for the structural repairs, hazard remediation and modernization of fire stations in the city of Fall River.

Ranked choice voting.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Russell E. Holmes for legislation to establish a local option for ranked choice voting in municipal elections.

Navigational applications.

By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven George Xiarhos relative to the use of navigational applications for travel routes for heavy motor vehicles.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Amending certain laws relative to individuals with disabilities (Senate, No. 2563) (on Senate bill No. 137, amended); and — Individuals with disabilities.

Amending certain archaic laws (Senate, No. 2564) (on Senate bill No. 1034, amended); — Archaic laws.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A Bill facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder (Senate, No. 2565) (on Senate bill No. 2558, amended), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. — Police officers,— interactions.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Holyoke (House, No. 360) [Local Approval Received]; — Holyoke,— liquor licenses.

Relative to partial payment (House, No. 362); — Contracting.

Relative to telemarketer disclosures (House, No. 438); — Telemarketers.

Establishing a charter for the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4156) [Local Approval Received]; — Cambridge,— charter.

Re-authorizing the town of Swansea to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4276) [Local Approval Received]; and — Swansea,— liquor licenses.

Relative to successor supplier laws and the termination of sales to wholesalers of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4281); — Alcohol wholesalers.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 516) of Natalie M. Blais for legislation to establish employee screening requirements in schools to prevent child sexual abuse,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. — School screening requirements.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1058) of Mark D. Sylvia and others relative to a cranberry water use transfer program; and — Cranberry water use.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1059) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco that the Division of Marine Fisheries establish a program for commercial fishing gear; — Commercial fishing gear.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Alzheimer's and dementia care.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 769, a Bill to improve care and prepare for the new era of Alzheimer's and dementia (House, No. 4302). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

LGBTQ aging commission.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 778, a Bill relative to the LGBTQ aging commission (House, No. 4304). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Seniors' financial stability.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 777, a Bill supporting seniors' financial stability (House, No. 4303).

Home care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 783, a Bill relative to Massachusetts home care eligibility (House, No. 4305).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 789, a Bill to improve Massachusetts home care (House, No. 4306).

Debt collection.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1275, a Bill relative to fairness in debt collection (House, No. 4316).

Taxes,— voluntary contributions.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to allow individual donations to countries vulnerable to climate change (House, No. 3037) [Representative Lombardo of Billerica dissenting].

Discrimination fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to creating the massachusetts (sic) against discrimination fund (House, No. 3109).

Motor vehicles,— inspection.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to the certification of inspection for new motor vehicles (House, No. 3603).

Motor vehicle licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to educational requirements for class 2 motor vehicle licenses (House, No. 3641).

Leased vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to low digit number plates on leased vehicles (House, No. 3665).

Bedford, etc.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to interstate highway noise abatement in certain cities and towns (House, No. 3673).

Documentation fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill limiting motor vehicle dealer documentation fees (House, No. 3690).

Safety standard compliance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to federal motor vehicle safety standards compliance (House, No. 3698).

Motor vehicles,— title release.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill ensuring the timely release of a vehicle title (House, No. 3701).

Temporary license plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing for temporary license plates (House, No. 3704).

Duplicate license plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to duplicate license plates (House, No. 3747).

Motor vehicle licensing parity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle leasing parity (House, No. 3779).

Motor vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the vehicle transfer and registration laws (House, No. 3781).

Civil Air Patrol.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts Civil Air Patrol vehicles and trailers (House, No. 3802).

Kei vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to legalize Kei vehicles in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4053).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 765, a Bill relative to councils on aging (House, No. 4301). Councils on aging.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1110, 1199, 1270, 1272 and 1282, a Bill to protect consumers by further defining subprime loans (House, No. 1110). Subprime loans.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the Mattapoisett select board (House, No. 4245) [Local Approval Received]. Mattapoisett,— select board.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill to increase the income limit for Clause 41A, Senior Tax Deferral Program in Ipswich (House, No. 3156) [Local Approval Received]. Ipswich,— senior tax deferrals.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the City of Melrose to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3979) [Local Approval Received]. Melrose,— property taxes.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to simplifying processes at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for surviving spouses and next of kin (House, No. 3722). RMV,— surviving spouses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle distributors (House, No. 3791). Motor vehicle distributors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to banning the use of tinted license plate covers (House, No. 4029). License plate covers.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing the city of Watertown to publish digital legal notices (House, No. 2321, changed) [Local Approval Received]; Watertown,— legal notices.

Extending residency requirements for members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of the city of Newton (House, No. 2335) [Local Approval Received]; Newton,— residency requirements.

Relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the city of Springfield (House, No. 3213) [Local Approval Received]; Springfield,— property taxes.

To amend the town of Natick home rule charter (House, No. 3898) [Local Approval Received]; Natick,— charter.

Providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Becket (House, No. 3977) [Local Approval Received]; and Becket,— commission.

Relative to stabilization funds in the town of Leicester (House, No. 4136) [Local Approval Received]. Leicester,— funds.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Denise Mattera (Condelli), widow of School committee member Anthony Mattera (House, No. 2275) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third reading bill.

Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, July 30, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Ferguson of Holden.

A statement of Ms. Ferguson of Holden was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Ferguson of Holden.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 67 and 68. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Linsky of Natick.

A statement of Mr. Linsky of Natick was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Linsky of Natick.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside the State House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 67 and 68. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Boldyga of Southwick, Duffy of Holyoke, Ferrante of Gloucester, González of Springfield and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Resolutions.

National Asian Pacific American Caucus.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Chan of Quincy and other members of the House) recognizing the National Asian Pacific American Caucus for State Legislators, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield) relative to extending until Wednesday, November 12, 2025 the time within which the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet, and Cybersecurity is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4528).

Order (filed by Mr. Cabral of New Bedford) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4529).

Order (filed by Mr. Cabral of New Bedford) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4308).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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Federal funds.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the status of federal funds applied for, received and expended for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025;

Fire Standard Cigarette Law.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 2B(f) of Chapter 64C of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the State Fire Marshall regarding the effectiveness of the Massachusetts Fire Standard Compliant Cigarette Law for calendar year 2024;

MBTA fare evasion.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 101 of Chapter 159 of the General Laws) submitting a report detailing fare evasion warnings or citations issued by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for calendar year 2024;

Id.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 101 of Chapter 159 of the General Laws) submitting a report detailing fare evasion warnings or citations issued by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for calendar year 2023;

Disabled Persons Protection Commission.

From the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (see item 1107-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its fiscal year 2025 fourth quarterly report for the period of April-June, 2025; and

Pharmaceutical utilization.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report for total spending related to pharmaceutical utilization for fiscal year 2024; estimated spending related to pharmaceutical utilization for fiscal year 2025; and other spending impacts for fiscal years 2024 and 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill further regulating the Gloucester Fisheries Commission (Senate, No. 2566) (on Senate bill No. 2507), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Gloucester Fisheries Commission.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Nick Collins and Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to provide accidental death benefits for the surviving spouse of Mathew M. Troy, a former firefighter of the city of Boston, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Public Service. Boston,— Mathew Troy.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2574) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the House Bill relative to routine childhood immunizations (House, No. 2554),– and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing. Under Rule 42A, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Childhood immunizations.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the town of Westford to release agricultural preservation restrictions over land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC (House, No. 3282), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4362) [Local Approval Received]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Westford,— land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 3402), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4363). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Wellesley,— land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne (House, No. 3435), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4364) [Local Bourne,— land.

Approval Received]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston , the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Mattapoisett,— select board.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the Mattapoisett select board (House, No. 4245) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Sylvia of Fairhaven, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Medical decision making.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1692 and 2045, a Bill improving medical decision making (House, No. 4329). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Registries of probate,— management.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1673, a Bill relative to the efficient management and operation of the registries of probate (House, No. 4328).

Uniform Trust Decanting Act.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1856, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Trust Decanting Act (House, No. 4330).

Uniform voidable transactions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1932, a Bill relative to the uniform voidable transactions act (House, No. 4331).

School safety.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts school safety data grant program (House, No. 2579).

Emergency medical services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical services (House, No. 2650).

Police,— autistic persons.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to police interactions with persons on the autism spectrum (House, No. 2686).

Public building locks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to allow temporary door-locking devices in public buildings (House, No. 2719).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Methuen,— mayor.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill authorizing a special election in the city of Methuen to fill a vacancy in the Office of Mayor (House, No. 838) [Local Approval Received].

Sharon,— recall elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding the recall of elected officers of the town of Sharon (House, No. 862) [Local Approval Received].

Berlin,— recall elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Berlin (House, No. 3896) [Local Approval Received].

Adult children,— support orders.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1668, a Bill to enforce support orders for adult children in need of support (House, No. 4327.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Legal parentage.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1722) of John R. Gaskey relative to repealing the legal parentage equality act. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair) the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and twenty-eight minutes before two o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Teacher benefits.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to benefits for teachers (House, No. 2932), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4361). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—yea and nay No. 67.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Ryan of Boston; and the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 67 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hospitality workers,—training.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers (House, No. 2726), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4360). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Ryan of Boston moved to amend it in section 6C, in lines 22, 23, and 24, by striking out the following: "(ii) how human trafficking is defined pursuant to sections 50 and 51 of chapter 265; and (iii) how to identify a human trafficking victim, as defined in section 20M of chapter 233."; and inserting in place thereof the following: "(ii) how human trafficking is defined pursuant to sections 50 and 51 of chapter 265 or the federal Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000; (iii) how to identify victims of human trafficking, as defined pursuant to section 20M of chapter 233 or said federal act.".

The amendment was adopted.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—yea and nay No. 68.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Walsh of Peabody; and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 68 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4360, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Second reading bills.

House bills

Authorizing the city of Watertown to publish digital legal notices (House, No. 2321, changed);

Extending residency requirements for members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of the city of Newton (House, No. 2335);

Relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the city of Springfield (House, No. 3213);

To amend the town of Natick home rule charter (House, No. 3898);

Providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Becket (House, No. 3977);

Relative to stabilization funds in the town of Leicester (House, No. 4136);

Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

Recess.

At thirty minutes after two o'clock P.M. (Wednesday, July 30, 2025), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.; and at four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair.

Wednesday, July 31, 2025 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Statement of Representative Ferguson of Holden.

A statement of Ms. Ferguson of Holden was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 69 and 71. My missing of said roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated. Statement of Representative Ferguson of Holden.

Statement of Representative Schwartz of Newton.

A statement of Mr. Schwartz of Newton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, July 30. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 67 and 68. Statement of Representative Schwartz of Newton.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Boldyga of Southwick, Duffy of Holyoke, Ferrante of Gloucester, González of Springfield, Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, and Williams of Springfield had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting. Remote participation.

Guest of the House.

During the Session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, Representative Long Tran, a member of the Georgia House of Representatives. He was the guest of Representatives Chan of Quincy, Nguyen of Andover and Wong of Saugus. Representative Long Tran.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Joan B. Lovely and James J. O'Day for legislation to ban the use of DEHP, a plasticizer found in IV bags and tubing, due to concerns about its potential health risks, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Health. Plasticizers,—health risks.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2579) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Health.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Dissolving the Whately Water District (House, No. 2250, changed); — Whately.

Relative to the charter of the town of Acushnet (House, No. 2341) [Local Approval Received]; — Acushnet,— charter.

Authorizing the city of Melrose to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3979) [Local Approval Received]; — Melrose,— taxes.

Authorizing the town of Dartmouth to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4006) [Local Approval Received]; — Dartmouth,— liquor license.

Relative to the organization and governance structure of the town of Rochester (House, No. 4030) [Local Approval Received]; — Rochester,— governance.

Relative to the Lanesborough select board (House, No. 4056) [Local Approval Received]; and — Lanesborough,— select board.

Relative to the charter in the city of Lynn (House, No. 4149) [Local Approval Received]. — Lynn,— charter.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to transparency of consumer health insurance rights (House, No. 1321). — Consumer health insurance rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1091, a Bill relative to pharmacists as healthcare providers (House, No. 4332). — Pharmacists.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1101, a Bill relative to consumer deductibles (House, No. 4333). — Consumer deductibles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1127, a Bill to increase access to nurse-midwifery services (House, No. 4334). — Nurse-midwifery services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1151, a Bill relative to cognitive rehabilitation for individuals with an acquired brain injury (House, No. 4335). — Rehabilitation,— acquired brain injuries

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1154, a Bill relative to insurance coverage of mobile integrated health (House, No. 4336). — Insurance coverage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1161, a Bill regarding cervical cancer and women's preventative health (House, No. 4337). — Cervical cancer health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1162, a Bill to reduce inequities in access to medical procedures (House, No. 4338). — Medical procedures.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1227, a Bill relative to patient access to biomarker testing to provide appropriate therapy (House, No. 4339). — Biomarker testing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1288, a Bill relative to telehealth parity for nutrition counseling (House, No. 4340). — Telehealth,— nutrition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1289, a Bill requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services (House, No. 4341). — Interpreter services,— reimbursement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1309, a Bill assuring prompt access to health care (House, No. 4342). Health care access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1311, a Bill ensuring access to full spectrum pregnancy care (House, No. 4343). Pregnancy care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1312, a Bill relative to insurance coverage for doula services (House, No. 4344). Insurance,— doula services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1317, a Bill improving access to breast pumps (House, No. 4345). Breast pumps.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1326, a Bill to ensure access to prescription medications (House, No. 4346). Prescription medications.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ana C. Contreras (House, No. 1596). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Ana Contreras,— sick leave.

Orders of the Day.

Bills

Relative to the Mattapoisett select board (House, No. 4245); and

Authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne (House, No. 4364);

Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence. Third reading bills.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Westford to release agricultural preservation restrictions over land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC (House, No. 4362); and

Authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4363);

Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence. Id.

Bills

Authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 1024); and

Expanding the select board of the town of Weston (House, No. 4158);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence. Third reading bills.

The House Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No.

4009), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in line 5, by inserting after the word "land" the following: "currently owned by Optima Hospitality Group LLC";

By striking out section 3; and

By inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to supply sewer services to certain parcels of land in the town of Sharon, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4009, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

Recess.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed to one o'clock P.M.; and at three minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Paper from the Senate.

Plasticizers,—health risks.

A petition of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Robert Tiro, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2580) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

Sandwich,—bridge.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Steven George Xiarhos that a certain overpass on State Route 6 in the town of Sandwich be designated as the U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Tourville veterans memorial overpass. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Silvia of Fall River, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

Municipal roads and bridges.

The engrossed Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (see House, No. 4307), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was put upon its final passage.

Bill enacted (state loan),—yea and nay No. 69.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a "loan" bill as defined by Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair) 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 69 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Health care protections.

The House amendment of the Senate Bill strengthening health care protections in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2543), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in its amendment with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the House) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2572.

The further amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Subsequently said committee reported that the further amendment was correctly drawn.

After remarks on the question on concurring with the Senate in its further amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Day of Stoneham; and on the roll call 132 members voted in the affirmative and 24 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 70 in Supplement.]

Therefore the further amendment was adopted, in concurrence.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

A report, in part, of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4265) of the Senate Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (Senate, No. 2540), recommending passage of a bill with the same title (Senate, No. 2575), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been accepted by said branch; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the report was considered forthwith.

Conference committee report accepted,—yea and nay No. 71.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 150 members voted in the affirmative and 6 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 71 in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted, in concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill strengthening health care protections in the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2543, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Day of Stoneham; and on the roll call 132 members voted in the affirmative and 24 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 72 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure.

Supplemental appropriations.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see Senate, No. 2575), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 39 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At thirteen minutes after four o'clock P.M.(Thursday, July 31), on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Monday, August 4, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Economic development.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to preserve and advance Massachusetts' competitiveness in discovery, research, and innovation for a vibrant economy (House, No. 4375), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, July 31.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Guests of the House.

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School softball team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced the 2025 Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Softball Team. In June, the Dighton-Rehoboth Falcons achieved their second consecutive Division 3 Softball State Championship. The group were guests of Representatives Thurber of Somerset and Howitt of Seekonk.

Order.

Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy,—extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4369), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

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Travel and tourism.

From the Massachusetts Advisory Commission or Travel and Tourism (see Section 13H of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report and recommendations on state expenditures to promote tourism for calendar year 2024;

From the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (see Section 6A of Chapter 18B of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: "Foster Care Review Report FY2024"; Foster care.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through June, 2025; Gaming and sports wagering revenue.

From the Office of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund fifty-fourth planned expenditure [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law]; Norfolk County technology.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 6A of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting its operational capacity report for January 1 to June 30, 2025; Operational capacity.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 131Q of Chapter 140 of the General Laws) submitting the Crime Gun annual report of the Department of the Massachusetts State Police for calendar year 2024; Crime guns.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-2040 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025; Paid prior year deficiency.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0500 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its comparative analysis of the rate differential for inpatient psychiatric and substance use hospital per diem payments achieved by Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and Community Partners; Psychiatric and hospital per diem payments.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 5046-0000 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Department of Mental Health's police-based Jail and Arrest Diversion Initiatives for fiscal year 2024; and Jail and arrest diversion initiatives.

From the Department of Public Health (see Chapter 313 of the Acts of 2010) submitting a report entitled: CY22-CY23 Summary of Activities related to Postpartum Depression; Postpartum depression.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Authorizing the Commonwealth to dispose of certain parcels of land in the town of Upton acquired for conservation and recreation purposes (Senate, No. 2576) (on Senate bill No. 2135); and Upton,— land.

To promote student learning and mental health (Senate, No. 2581) (on Senate bill No. 2561); Schools,— personal electronics.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2573) of John F. Keenan (by vote of the town) to amend the charter of the town of Rockland; Rockland,— charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2577) of Patrick M. O'Connor (by vote of the town) relative to parking fines in the town of Scituate; and Scituate,— parking fines.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2578) of Patrick M. O'Connor and Patrick Joseph Kearney (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to sidewalks in the town of Scituate; Scituate,— side walks.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Regarding the recall of elected officers of the town of Sharon (House, No. 862) [Local Approval Received]; Sharon,— recall elections.

Relative to wastewater treatment and disposal in the town of Sandwich (House, No. 1073) [Local Approval Received]; Sandwich,— wastewater.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Ana C. Contreras (House, No. 1596); Ana Contreras.

To increase the income limit for Clause 41A, Senior Tax Deferral Program in Ipswich (House, No. 3156) [Local Approval Received]; Ipswich,— senior tax deferrals.

Authorizing the town of Acton to establish a minimum charge for a checkout bag (House, No. 4167) [Local Approval Received]; Acton,— bag fee.

Authorizing the town of Acton to increase the residency limit for members of its police and fire departments (House, No. 4168) [Local Approval Received]; Acton,— residency limit.

Amending the special legislation establishing the Acton Memorial Library (House, No. 4173) [Local Approval Received]; and Acton,— library.

Relative to the Ayer Library (House, No. 4174) [Local Approval Received]; Ayer library.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Thurber of Somerset, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill enhancing municipal bonding efficacy (House, No. 2257); and Municipal bonding.

Of the Bill relative to establishing a commission to study municipal licenses (House, No. 2311); Municipal licenses.

And recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill making corrective changes to Chapter 112 of the General Laws (House, No. 468). Small appraisal companies.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, No. 2253, a Bill relative to updating animal health inspections (House, No. 4365). Animal health inspections.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to municipal publication of zoning by-law procedures (House, No. 2315). Zoning by-law procedures.

Norfolk,— billing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing reserved capacity billing in the town of Norfolk (House, No. 3899) [Local Approval Received].

Dalton,— town manager.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the town resident requirement for the town manager of the town of Dalton (House, No. 4210) [Local Approval Received].

Holden,— moderator.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill changing the term of the elected office of moderator in the town of Holden (House, No. 4211) [Local Approval Received].

Lancaster,— animal control.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Lancaster to dissolve its animal control commission (House, No. 4212) [Local Approval Received].

Cambridge,— violation notices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Cambridge to expand the options available to issue notices of violation for parking enforcement above the limits set forth in M.G.L. C. 90, §20A½ or other applicable state laws (House, No. 4231) [Local Approval Received].

Fairhaven,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4232) [Local Approval Received].

Malden,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the city of Malden (House, No. 4233) [Local Approval Received].

Ipswich,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to amend the town charter of Ipswich (House, No. 4243) [Local Approval Received].

Hingham,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Hingham to utilize alternative methods for publication of legal notices (House, No. 4244) [Local Approval Received].

Carlos Borges,— sick leave.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges (House, No. 4322).

Alexandra Schwartz,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexandra Schwartz, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of State Police (House, No. 4323).

Stephanie Bramante Miller,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Stephanie Bramante Miller, an employee of the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board (House, No. 4324).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Lynnfield Center Water District.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to supply water to the Lynnfield Center Water District within the town of Lynnfield (see House, No. 972) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered.

Rule 40 suspended.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be enacted, Mr. Orrall of Lakeville moved that Rule 40 be suspended; and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Walsh of Peabody then moved to amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith supply water to the Lynnfield Center Water District, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (see House, No. 972, amended) was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the amendment, the bill, having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was placed before the House, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to Machado-Joseph Disease Awareness Day (House, No. 3298);

Authorizing the town to establish a millennium fund of the Wayland Free Public Library (House, No. 4137); and

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to dissolve its Housing Development Corporation (House, No. 4139); Third reading bills.

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, August 7, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Haley.

During the session (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), at the request of Speaker Mariano of Quincy, Representatives Murphy of Weymouth and Rogers of Norwood, the members, guests, and staff stood in a moment of silent tribute for Jacqueline "Jackie" Haley, beloved wife of former Representative Paul Haley of Weymouth.

Jackie was a dedicated public servant, serving as both an attorney and a former teacher at Weymouth High School. She was admired for her intelligence, compassion, and lifelong commitment to education.

Jackie's impact on her students, clients, and community was profound. She leaves behind a legacy of service, kindness, and devotion to others.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current a House document (House, No. 4393).

Order (filed by Mr. Day of Stoneham) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on the Judiciary is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4376).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Worrell of Boston, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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Self-generation.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 1G of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) submitting its self-generation report for calendar year 2024;

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024)

submitting the July 24, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see item 7004-9316 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) fourth quarterly report for fiscal year 2024; Residential assistance,—families in transition.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see item 1595-6232 of Section 2E of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) Investment Fund fiscal year 2025 report; Clean Energy Center.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 77 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Office of Food and Nutrition Programs School Meal Nutrition Standards Commission report; School meal nutrition.

From the Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting its IFB January 2025 semi-annual e-focus Fraud report [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development]; and Insurance Fraud Bureau.

From the Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting its 2024 IFB annual report [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development]; Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Other Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (under Section 15(f) of Chapter 19C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025; and Disabled persons.

Of the Executive Office of Economic Development (under Section 14A(d) of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) submitting the Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund annual report for fiscal year 2025; and Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund.

A report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 25 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Massachusetts Transitions from Acute Care to Post-Acute Care (TACPAC) Task Force report; Care transitions.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4377) of Jessica Ann Giannino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Revere be authorized to forego the preliminary election in 2025. To the committee on Election Laws. Revere,—preliminary election.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4378) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) relative to the affordable housing trust fund of the town of West Tisbury. To the committee on Housing. West Tisbury,—housing trust fund.

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4379) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Greenfield,—charter.

Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Greenfield to amend its charter;

Agawam,—board of appeals.

By Representative Finn of West Springfield and Senator Velis, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4380) of Michael J. Finn and Nicholas A. Boldyga (with the approval of the town council) that the city known as the town of Agawam be authorized to strike the reference to the board of appeals in the city charter;

Norwood,—town moderator.

By Representative Rogers of Norwood, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4381) of John H. Rogers (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate the term of the town moderator in the town of Norwood;

Plainville,—finance committee.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4382) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainville be authorized to appoint a finance committee;

Plainville,—board members.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4383) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainville be authorized to temporarily appoint alternate or associate members to certain town boards;

Plainville,—town manager.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4384) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainville be authorized to change the town administrator title to town manager;

Plainville,—select board.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4385) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) relative to the select board of the town of Plainville; and

Plainville,—budget.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4386) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) relative to the budget process of the town of Plainville.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Monterey,—Jennifer Brown.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4387) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) that the town of Monterey be authorized to continue the employment of police officer Jennifer O. Brown, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,—Angela Depina.

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4388) of Russell E. Holmes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Angela C. Depina to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Boston notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,—Angel Rivera.

By Representative John Francis Moran of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4389) of John Francis Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Angel G. Rivera to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Boston notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Haverhill,—Nick Santos.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4390) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Nick Santos to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Boston,—Alex Rodriguez.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4391) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Alex J. Rodriguez to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Boston notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Kathleen Rodrigue,—sick leave.

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Durant, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rodrigue, an employees of the Chief Medical Examiner's office.

Retiree work hours cap.

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to the cap on work hours for retirees, and retirees with disabilities.

Fenn Farm.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Leigh Davis relative to the purchase or lease of a certain property known as Fenn Farm.

Breast cancer equity.

By Representative Howard of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vanna Howard relative to breast cancer equity and early detection healthcare coverage.

Condominium owner rights.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne relative to the condominium owners' rights.

Hispanic-serving institutions.

By Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael P. Kushmerek relative to Hispanic-serving institutions in higher education.

National Guard authority.

By Representative Sena of Acton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danillo A. Sena for legislation to further regulate jurisdictional authority of out of state National Guard units.

Renal disease.

By Representative Stanley of Waltham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Stanley relative to Medicare coverage of end-stage renal disease.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Jonathan Lewis,—State Police.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2583) of Nick Collins and Russell E. Holmes for legislation to direct the department of state police to waive the maximum age requirement for Jonathan Lewis; and

Irene O'Rourke,—sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2584) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Irene O'Rourke, employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

Parking enforcement.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Mark J. Cusack for legislation to authorize automated curb enforcement and improving parking violation procedures. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to clarifying the self-storage law for consumers (House, No. 340); — Self-storage.

Relative to local option for associate members of planning boards (House, No. 2300); — Planning boards.

Relative to special education reserve funds (House, No. 2303); — Reserve funds.

Relative to a regional school assessment reserve fund (House, No. 2304); — Id.

Relative to the Regional Commissions on the Status of Women (House, No. 2313); — Status of women.

Relative to municipal publication of zoning by-law procedures (House, No. 2315); — Zoning by-laws.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges (House, No. 4322); — Carlos Borges.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Alexandra Schwartz, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of State Police (House, No. 4323); — Alexandra Schwartz.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Stephanie Bramante Miller, an employee of the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board (House, No. 4324); — Stephanie Bramante Miller.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 108) of James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to the use and protection of pollinators by further regulating the spraying, release, deposit or application of a neonicotinoid on certain agricultural land; and — Pollinators.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 124) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Mary S. Keefe and others relative to pesticide products eligible for use on the outdoor grounds of schools, child care centers or school age child care programs; — Pesticide products.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 359) of Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to assure coverage and reimbursement for covered health care services and to establish a community health worker workforce development task force (including members of the General Court) to provide health equity; and — Community health worker task force.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 462) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to establishing senior psychologist licensure; — Psychologist licensure.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2454) of Daniel J. Hunt, Jacob R. Oliveira and Colleen M. Garry relative to establishing a penalty for the sale, preparation, manufacturing, or distribution of kratom products that are contaminated with dangerous non-kratom substances,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. — Kratom.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3375) of Michael P. Kushmerek, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Aaron L. Saunders relative to apprenticeship programs for career — Apprenticeship programs.

paths in construction,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Commercial interior design.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 324, a Bill relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design (House, No. 4354).

Alcoholic beverage sales.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 344, a Bill relative to the responsible sale of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4355).

CPA,— pathway.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 352, a Bill relative to modernizing the pathway to becoming a certified public accountant (House, No. 4356).

Toxic free kids.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 384, a Bill relative to toxic free kids (House, No. 4357).

Wheelchair repairs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1278, a Bill relative to wheelchair repair requirements and consumer protection (House, No. 4358).

Students,— athletics.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill concerning athletic activities of students with disabilities (House, No. 602).

Biliteracy,— state seal.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding student access to the state seal of biliteracy (House, No. 629).

Public education,— access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to affirming and maintaining equal access to public education for all children (House, No. 650).

Career and academic plans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 533, a Bill to expand the use of career and academic plans (House, No. 4366).

Lowell,— land.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements in certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell (House, No. 4183).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Milford,— liquor license.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4169, a Bill authorizing the town of Milford to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages into a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 4359) [Local Approval Received.].

4-H programs.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to supporting student participation in 4-H programs (House, No. 713).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill relative to the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Berkley (House, No. 2320), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Order.

Aging and Independence,— extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Aging and Independence is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4398), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Green school works.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 37 of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 35 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a report on the progress of the Green School Works Program;

Secure jobs.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4400-1020 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Department of Transitional Assistance Secure Jobs report; and

Long-term care,— sustainability and viability.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 31 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Office of Medicaid report entitled: Sustainability and Viability of Long-Term Care;

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

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Economic independence accounts.

Of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 2(B)(q) of Chapter 18 and Section 16 of Chapter 118 of the General Laws) submitting the Department of Transitional Assistance report on Economic Independence Accounts [copies were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law]; and

Of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 10 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting the annual Department of Transitional Assistance Organizational report; and

DTA,— organization.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4399) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) relative to amending the charter of the town of Middleton;

Middleton,— charter.

By Representatives Wells of Milton and Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4400) of Richard G. Wells, Jr., and Bruce J. Ayers (with the approval of the town council) relative to the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph; and

Randolph,— charter.

By Representative Whipps of Athol, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4401) of Susannah M. Whipps (by vote of the town) relative to certain special revolving funds in the town of Athol.

Athol,— revolving funds.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Garballey of Arlington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sean Garballey relative to Medicaid coverage for autism treatment and assistive technologies.

Autism treatment.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and James K. Hawkins relative to emergency preparedness and responsible deployment of the Massachusetts National Guard.

National Guard,— deployment.

By Representative LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kathleen R. LaNatra for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for John C. Murphy, an employee of the Department of Correction.

John Murphy,— sick leave.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paul Starvaski, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Paul Starvaski,— sick leave.

By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey N. Roy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Ankita Gajendra Patel,— sick leave.

By Representatives Scanlon of North Attleborough and Lewis of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to further regulate the sales and delivery of alcoholic beverages.

Alcohol sales.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2582) of Kelly A. Dooner and Lisa Field (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to exempt certain positions in the city of Taunton from civil service status, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Taunton,— civil service.

Applied behavioral analysis.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative applied behavioral analysis reimbursement rates, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Financial Services.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2587) was referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Health Care Financing. Sent to the Senate for its action.

Students,— out of home placements.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish compliance with federal education reporting requirements for out of home placement students, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2585) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Investor real estate.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr relative to funding housing and mitigating investor real estate in seasonal communities; and

Seasonal communities.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Hadley Luddy and Thomas W. Moakley relative to housing in seasonal communities.

Severally to the committee on Housing.

Witness intimidation.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to witness intimidation. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Boston,— land.

Dedicating certain park and field space in the South Boston section of the city of Boston (House, No. 899);

Milton and Canton.

Establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 1069);

Water resource funds.

Providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds (House, No. 2324);

Millis,— charter.

Revising the charter of the town of Millis, as amended (House, No. 3911) [Local Approval Received];

Hanson,— licenses and permits.

[sic] In the town of Hanson local licenses and permits; denial, revocation or suspension for failure to comply with conditions of approval (House, No. 3953) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,— board of health.

To authorize the mayor of the city of Haverhill to submit special legislation to increase the membership of the board of health from three members to five members (House, No. 4057) [Local Approval Received];

Cambridge,— job training trust.

Establishing the city of Cambridge employment and job training trust (House, No. 4134) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Commission,—LGBTQ aging.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill relative to the LGBTQ aging commission (House, No. 4304) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Commission,—service animal misrepresentation.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1686, a Bill relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 4371). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Recycling,—paint.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relative to paint recycling (House, No. 886).

Recycling,—solar and battery.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to solar and battery decommissioning and recycling (House, No. 904).

Recycling costs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to save recycling costs in the commonwealth (House, No. 926).

Non-flushable wipes,—labeling.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting wastewater and sewerage systems through the labeling of non-flushable wipes (House, No. 945).

Lithium-ion batteries.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a lithium-ion battery stewardship program (House, No. 968).

Helium balloons.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to helium balloons (House, No. 996, changed in section 2, in line 7, by striking out the word “mylar” and inserting in place thereof the word “foil”).

Recycling,—mattresses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a mattress recycling program in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1023).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to promoting the future success of mattress recycling in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3985).

Disabled veterans.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to low-income housing eligibility for disabled veterans (House, No. 1487).

Public housing,—apprentice training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an apprenticeship program to ready vacant public housing apartments for occupancy (House, No. 1520).

Condominium ombudsman.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an office of the condominium ombudsman (House, No. 1523).

Public housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill restoring the Commonwealth’s public housing (House, No. 1524).

Housing,—bullying.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to prevent and respond to bullying of elderly and disabled residents (House, No. 1525).

Condominiums,—commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a special commission to study condominium law (House, No. 1538).

Housing authority training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending chapter 235 of the acts of 2014 (House, No. 1541).

Transcripts.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1649, a Bill concerning furnishing transcripts of notes and fees (House, No. 4370).

Indigency.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1768, a Bill related to indigency (House, No. 4372).

Food donations,— tax credit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3154, a Bill encouraging the donation of food to persons in need (House, No. 4373).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Authorizing the city of Melrose to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3979);

Establishing a charter for the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4156); and

Authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4273);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, August 14, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Municipal roads and bridges.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing long-term improvements to municipal road and bridges (House, No. 4413), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, August 12.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1F, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Labor and Workforce Development,— extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4403), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Resolutions.

Jason Rosala.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Jason X. Rosala on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Capital gains revenue transfers.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 5G of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Capital Gains Tax Revenue Transfers to the Stabilization Fund,

the State Retiree Trust Fund, and the Pension Liability Fund for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025;

Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from July 11, 2025 to August 7, 2025;

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the August 7, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Genocide education.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 1595-0116 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report to the Legislature on Genocide Education Programs for fiscal year 2023; and

Id.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 1595-0116 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report to the Legislature on the Genocide Education Trust Fund for fiscal year 2023;

Severally were placed on file.

Special and Monthly Reports.

Virtual schools.

A report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (under Section 94(p) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting the Commonwealth Virtual Schools (CMVS) legislative report for fiscal year 2023; and

Permanent rental protections.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Carlisle,— town administrator.

By Representative Cataldo of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4414) of Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) relative to the town administrator of the town of Carlisle. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,— affordable housing.

By Representative Michael J. Moran of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4415) of Michael J. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the procurement and award of contracts for construction of a certain affordable housing and cultural space in the Brighton section of the city of Boston. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Robert Tiro,— sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Tiro, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2580) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 251) of Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation relative to health equity and community health workers, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Community health workers.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Thomas M. Stanley relative to Medicare coverage of end-stage renal disease. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Renal disease.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James J. O'Day for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paul Starvaski, an employee of the Department of Correction; and

Paul Starvaski.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jeffrey N. Roy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the Department of Correction;

Ankita Gajendra Patel.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William C. Galvin relative to permitting for the transportation of certain loads. To the committee on Transportation.

Super load permits.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to sales at retail (House, No. 318);

Food sales.

To protect innovation and entrepreneurship in the Commonwealth (House, No. 401);

Patent infringement.

Authorizing charity alcohol auctions (House, No. 442);

Alcohol.

Relative to water flow in the Central Plymouth County Water District (House, No. 984);

Central Plymouth County.

Authorizing the Wellfleet selectboard to lease property to the Wellfleet food pantry, inc. (House, No. 2310, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Wellfleet,— lease.

Relative to the town of Richmond Free Public Library (House, No. 4154) [Local Approval Received];

Richmond,— library.

Further regulating procurements by the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4157) [Local Approval Received];

Cambridge,— procurements.

Relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4175) [Local Approval Received]; and

Provincetown,— charter.

Relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4176) [Local Approval Received];

Id.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bills were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to improve parking and pedestrian safety (House,

Parking and pedestrian safety.

No. 2316). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Wetlands.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill providing for more efficient wetlands (House, No. 2242).

Parking tickets.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to late fees and accrued interest on parking tickets (House, No. 2278).

Ice cream trucks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to ice cream truck vending (House, No. 2325).

Solar siting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing municipalities to reasonably regulate solar siting (House, No. 2331).

Public safety employees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to COVID-19 complications for public safety employees (House, No. 2332).

Sustainability directors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing state grants for municipal sustainability directors (House, No. 2334).

Dangerous dogs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to dangerous dogs (House, No. 2342).

County lands.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 16 and on a part of House, No. 11, a Bill relative to county land disposition (House, No. 4392).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Medford,—linkage program.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill updating the linkage exaction program in the city of Medford (House, No. 4252) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—terms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to elected terms and municipal years (House, No. 4253) [Local Approval Received].

Hopkinton,—library trustees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to incorporate appointment powers of the board of library trustees (House, No. 4292) [Local Approval Received].

Hopkinton,—economic development.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an economic development special revenue account for the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4293) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the town of Cheshire's special election (see House, No. 801) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from three members to five (House, No. 3912);

Establishing a charter for the city of Medford (House, No. 4263);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Alexandra Schwartz, an employee of the Department of State Police (House, No. 4323) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Stephanie Bramante Miller, an employee of the Appellate Tax Board (House, No. 4324) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, August 18, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Supplemental appropriations.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4429), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, August 14.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

Michael Campanelli.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Sergeant Michael Campanelli on celebrating his retirement from the Franklin Police Department, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Barnstable,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Barnstable County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Berkshire,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Berkshire County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Bristol,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Bristol County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Dukes,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Dukes County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Essex County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025; Essex,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Franklin County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025; Franklin,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampden County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025; Hampden,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampshire County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025; Hampshire,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Middlesex County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025; Middlesex,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Norfolk County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025; Norfolk,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025; Plymouth,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Suffolk County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025; and Suffolk,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Worcester County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2025; Worcester,— correctional facility data.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 17, 2025) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4430) of Kate Hogan relative to agriculture resilience and sustainability. To the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries. Agriculture resilience.

By Representative Muradian of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4431) of David K. Muradian, Jr., relative to internet gaming. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Internet gaming.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill investigating the economic impact of certain Massachusetts laws (House, No. 334),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Minimum pricing,— study.

Robert Tiro,— sick leave.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Tiro, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2580), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn), was read a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Grocery pricing.

Relative to surveillance pricing in grocery stores (House, No. 99);

Appraiser records.

Updating real estate appraiser record retention requirements (House, No. 405);

Fortune tellers.

Eliminating the residency requirement for fortune tellers (House, No. 475);

Pub breweries,— sales.

Relative to the sale of malt beverages produced by a pub brewery (House, No. 478);

Death taxes.

Relative to taxes due upon the death of active duty personnel and the elderly (House, No. 3051); and

Palmer,— liquor licenses.

Authorizing the town of Palmer to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4282) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Chapter 70 funding,— study.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 555, 678 and 714, a Bill establishing a legislative commission to study and make recommendations regarding the chapter 70 funding formula (House, No. 555).

Archaic laws,— study.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1849, a Bill relative to archaic laws (House, No. 4396).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Foster children,— transportation.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill fairly reimbursing local school transportation of foster children (House, No. 567).

Education-to-career data center.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an education-to-career data center (House, No. 630).

College and career programs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to student access and return on investment of college and career pathways programs (House, No. 727).

Data privacy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 633, a Bill relative to student and educator data privacy (House, No. 4405).

Kratom,— sales.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1631, a Bill relative to kratom sales in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4394).

Recreational vehicles,— hit and runs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1823, a Bill increasing penalties for hit and runs with recreational vehicles in the Commonwealth to be known as the James Ward Act (House, No. 4395).

Civil asset forfeiture.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1851 and 1953, a Bill relative to civil asset forfeiture (House, No. 4397).

John F. Kennedy day.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill establishing a holiday known as "John F. Kennedy Day" to promote civic engagement and voter participation in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3403).

State House,— Bunte portrait.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve providing for the creation of a commemorative memorial portrait in the Massachusetts State House in honor of State Representative Doris Bunte (House, No. 3421).

Boston,— affordable housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain affordable housing and branch library space in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston (House, No. 3932) [Local Approval Received].

Retrofit headlights.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to retrofit headlights in vehicles (House, No. 3642).

Move over law.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3675, 3789 and 3816, a Bill relative to the move over law (House, No. 3675).

Highway maintenance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3737 and 3763, a Bill improving safety measures for highway maintenance personnel (House, No. 3763).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Transit workers.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relative to assault and battery upon a transit worker (House, No. 1877).

Veterans suicide awareness day.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill designating veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day (House, No. 3388).

PCOS month.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating September as PCOS awareness month (House, No. 3392).

Fred Korematsu day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution (House, No. 3427).

Driving,— obstruction.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to obstructed views while driving (House, No. 3765).

Roadway safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to roadway safety (House, No. 3812).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

Robert Tiro,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Tiro, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2580), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill validating the results of a certain special election held in the town of Hardwick (see House bill printed in House, No. 4004) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (House, No. 2357);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Kendra Winner, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (House, No. 2798) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Authorizing the town of Lexington to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3893); and

Relative to non-civil service public safety personnel in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4140);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Ana Contreras,—sick leave.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ana C. Contreras, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 1596) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1596, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Carlos Borges,—sick leave.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4322) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 2; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the

department of correction, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4322, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M. Next sitting.

At eight minutes after twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, August 21, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Rolling Warriors Volt Hockey Team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess and introduced the Rolling Warriors Volt Hockey Team of North Attleboro, winners of the first-ever gold medal by a United States team at the North American Volt Hockey Championship, held in Toronto, Canada, in May of this year. The Chair commended their skill, teamwork and dedication, and wished them success at the Volt Hockey World Cup in Sweden in September.

The Chair recognized the following team members: Mia Bean; Christian Caruso; Ellary Kinnane; Lara Liedtke; Vivienne Liedtke; and Maddie Manning.

The Chair further acknowledged the contributions of: Helena Liedtke, Co-Founder and President of Space2Thrive; Helge Liedtke, Coach of the Rolling Warriors and Co-Founder and Vice President of Space2Thrive; Craig Kinnane, Co-Coach; Paul Caruso, for equipment maintenance; Kim Damato, for helping bring volt hockey to the United States and purchasing the first eight volt-hockey wheelchairs; and Patrick Murphy, Sarah Hennessey, Jim Downs, Autumn Greco, Karen Bean, and the team at the Hockomock Area YMCA, Hurley Branch, for their partnership, practice space and support. They were the guests of Mr. Scanlon of North Attleborough and Senator Feeney.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Frontotemporal degeneration.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Berthiaume of Spencer) commending the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration for its recognition of the week of September 22, 2025 as Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week;

Dyuthi Papineni.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Dyuthi Papineni on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America; and

Denis Fraine.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Soter of Bellingham) congratulating town administrator Denis Fraine on the occasion of his retirement from the town of Bellingham;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Scanlon of North Attleborough, the resolutions (reported

by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies,— extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives Fiola of Fall River and Giannino of Revere) relative to extending until Monday, December 1, 2025 the time within which the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4436), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Transportation,— extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives Arciero of Westford and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4433), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Evacuation and trench safety.

From the Commissioner of the Division of Occupational Licensure (see Section 1 of Chapter 82A of the General Laws) submitting the Office of Public Safety and Inspections (OPSI) annual report on fines imposed, collected and expended regarding evacuation and trench safety for fiscal year 2025;

IT project expenditures.

From the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (see item 1790-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on IT-related project expenditures for fiscal year 2025;

Twenty-first century education trust fund.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-0035 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Twenty-First Century Education Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2026;

Civic projects trust fund.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-0115 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Civic Projects Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2026; and

Genocide education trust fund.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-0116 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Genocide Education Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2026;

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

Monthly reports

Unemployment insurance trust fund.

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for July 2025; and

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections; Permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4437) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the regulation of nutrient management and fertilizer in the town of Nantucket. To the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries. Nantucket,— fertilizer.

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4434) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) relative to providing for recall elections in the town of Charlemont. To the committee on Election Laws. Charlemont,— recall elections.

By Representatives Gregoire of Marlborough and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4439) of Danielle W. Gregoire (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to providing a simplified procedure for the layout and acceptance of subdivision roads in the city of Marlborough; Marlborough,— subdivision roads.

By Representative Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4440) of Marc T. Lombardo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Billerica to transfer control of certain land of the town situated in the town of Billerica for recreational purposes for the purposes of constructing the Yankee Doodle Bike Path; and Billerica,— land.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4441) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter for the town of Nantucket. Nantucket,— charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4442) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that Anthony Morales be authorized to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and Haverhill,— Anthony Morales.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4443) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Haverhill be authorized to further regulate the maximum age requirement for original appointment to the positions of firefighter or police officer in said city. Haverhill,— civil service.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4435) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Charlemont to establish a tax on commercial recreation services. To the committee on Revenue. Charlemont,— commercial recreation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of Deerfield,— land.

the town) for legislation to authorize the release or exclusion of certain land from conservation restrictions in the town of Deerfield.

Charlemont and Rowe,— fire district.

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark for legislation to establish a regional fire district and department for the towns of Charlemont and Rowe.

New Bedford Police,— payments.

By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to benefit payments by the New Bedford Police Association.

Thomas Brooks.

By Representative Cusack of Braintree, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark J. Cusack relative to creditable service for Thomas Brooks.

Condominium associations.

By Representative Galvin of Canton (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Charles Strassman relative to condominium associations and management companies.

Witness intimidation.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin relative to protecting witnesses from intimidation.

Orange star license plate.

By Representatives Hawkins of Attleboro and Pease of Westfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins and Kelly W. Pease relative to establishing an Orange Star license plate for veterans exposed to Agent Orange.

Fishing licenses.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to fishing licenses for seniors.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Alcoholic beverages,— delivery.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to further regulate the sales and delivery of alcoholic beverages. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

MassHealth,— asset limits.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to establish an exemption for personal vehicle values from the MassHealth asset limits. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

John Murphy,— sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kathleen R. LaNatra for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for John C. Murphy, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Postural screenings.

To update postural screenings in schools (House, No. 2517);

Battery storage.

Relative to motor vehicle battery storage (House, No. 2652);

Alcohol licenses.

Relative to alcohol license permits and suspensions (House, No. 4275);

Check-cashing rates.

Creating a maximum allowable check-cashing rate for check cashers (House, No. 4277);

Alcohol.

Modernizing the Massachusetts alcohol permitting laws (House, No. 4285);

Authorizing the town of Somerset to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 4286) [Local Approval Received]; and — Somerset,— liquor license.

Authorizing the city known as the town of West Springfield to grant 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4287) [Local Approval Received]; — West Springfield,— liquor licenses.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bills were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to special state police officers (House, No. 2570). — Police officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fire safety education in schools and colleges (House, No. 2588). — Fire safety education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2607 and 2682, a Bill relative to injured correctional officers (House, No. 2607). — Correctional officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to violation of regulation regarding hot work processes (House, No. 2690). — Hot work.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to implementing a blue alert system in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2729). — Blue alert system.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to retirement benefits for Mary Donna Nodurf (House, No. 2746). — Mary Donna Nodurf.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the retirement benefits of Officer Brian Murphy of the Massachusetts State Police (House, No. 2790). — Brian Murphy,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to creditable service for Lynn Turner, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (House, No. 2806). — Lynn Turner,— creditable service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the amendment of M.G.L. c.32, section 4(2)(b) and 4(2)(c), solely as they relate to the calculation of Walter L. Guertin's pension (House, No. 2861). — Walter Guertin,— pension.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain retirement benefits for the surviving spouse of a state police officer injured in the line of duty (House, No. 2886) — Felicia O'Connor,— benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill granting creditable service to Cheryl DiLisio, an employee of Nahant public schools (House, No. 2944) — Cheryl DiLisio,— creditable service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing the next of kin of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty with the flags of the Commonwealth and the United States (House, No. 2993) — Line of duty deaths,— flags.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to retired Quincy firefighter Kevin Bythrow (House, No. 2775) [Local Approval Received]. — Quincy,— Kevin Bythrow.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for firefighters for the town of Bedford (House, No. 2852) [Local Approval Required]. — Bedford,— firefighters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the continued employment of Steven A. Hilliger, firefighter of the town of Lancaster (House, No. 2879) [Local Approval Received]. Lancaster,— Steven Hilliger.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding the disability pension for Misael Rodriguez administered by the Springfield retirement board (House, No. 2939) [Local Approval Received]. Springfield,— Misael Rodriguez.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Stephen Justice to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 2985) [Local Approval Received]. Haverhill,— Stephen Justice.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Javier Vargas to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 2986) [Local Approval Received]. Haverhill,— Javier Vargas.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Brittany Sproule to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 2987) [Local Approval Received]. Haverhill,— Brittany Sproule.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Freddy Castaneda to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 2988) [Local Approval Received]. Haverhill,— Freddy Castaneda.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the disability retirement of Casey L'Italien, a police officer in the city known as the town of Randolph (House, No. 3914) [Local Approval Received]. Randolph,— Casey L'Italien.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield (House, No. 3963) [Local Approval Received]. Westfield,— Greg Heath.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill Lieutenant Deputy Sheriff Brian McPherson disability pension [sic] (House, No. 3978) [Local Approval Received]. Brian McPherson,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Starvaski (House, No. 4426). Paul Starvaski,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the department of corrections [sic] (House, No. 4427). Ankita Gajendra Patel,— sick leave.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to improved headlight safety (House, No. 3778). Headlight safety.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill increasing the membership of the select board in the town of Mattapoisett (see House, No. 4245) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Holyoke (House, No. 360); and

Establishing a special fund for the festival of the hills receipts for the town of Conway (House, No. 2251);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bills.

The House Bill establishing a charter for the city of Somerville (House, No. 4264), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4445), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Somerville,—charter.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, August 25, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Notice of Change of Address.

Representative Marsi of Charlton.

Notice was received that John J. Marsi, Jr. of Charlton, formerly of Dudley, had changed his residential address to the town of Charlton. Sent to the Senate for its information.

Resolutions.

Jeffrey Lynch.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Roy of Franklin and Soter of Bellingham) congratulating Jeffrey P. Lynch on celebrating his retirement from the Medway Fire Department, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure,—extension of time for reporting.

Order (filed by Representatives Chan of Quincy and Keefe of Worcester) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4446).

Order (filed by the same members) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4447).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Swampscott,— town meeting.

By Representative Armini of Marblehead and Senator Crighton, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4438) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and Brendan P. Crighton (by vote of the town) that the town of Swampscott be authorized to establish an annual fall town meeting. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Swampscott,— exemption.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4444) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and Brendan P. Crighton (by vote of the town) relative to a real property exemption for disabled persons in the town of Swampscott. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Applied behavioral analysis.

A report of the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1414) of Michael O. Moore, John J. Cronin, James B. Eldridge, Paul R. Feeney and other members of the Senate for legislation to increase access to Applied Behavior Analysis services by recognizing assistant level providers, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House Bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Subprime loans.

To protect consumers by further defining subprime loans (House, No. 1110);

Titles.

Relative to simplifying processes at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for surviving spouses and next of kin (House, No. 3722);

Distributors.

Relative to motor vehicle distributors (House, No. 3791);

License plates.

Relative to banning the use of tinted license plate covers (House, No. 4029);

Aging councils.

Relative to councils on aging (House, No. 4301);

Paul Starvaski.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Starvaski (House, No. 4426); and

Ankita Gajendra Patel,— sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the department of corrections [sic] (House, No. 4427);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Telehealth.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2222) of William F. MacGregor for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the quality and accessibility of telehealth,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Community-based schools.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to support community-based schools (House, No. 653).

Special needs transportation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 564, a Bill relative to improved special needs transportation and student safety, "John's Law" (House, No. 4404).

William Manduca,— benefits.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of William Manduca (House, No. 2866).

Heather Leger,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Heather Leger (House, No. 2880).

Brandon Arakelian,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for certain retirement benefits for the surviving beneficiary of Brandon Arakelian (House, No. 2942).

Jamie Magarian,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the state retirement board to retire Jamie J. Magarian, a uniformed member of the department of state police at the regular rate of compensation (House, No. 2955).

Thomas Struthers,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Thomas Struthers to purchase creditable service from the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board (House, No. 2958).

Line of duty deaths,— flag.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing the next of kin of a state police officer killed in the line of duty with a flag during the memorial service (House, No. 2970).

Wendy Lopriore,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to creditable service for Wendy Lopriore, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (House, No. 2977).

Virginia Cummings,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement benefits of Virginia E. Cummings (House, No. 2996).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

New Bedford,— Lavar Gilbert.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the city of New Bedford Retirement Board to provide certain retirement benefits to Lavar Gilbert (House, No. 2864) [Local Approval Received].

Dedham Westwood Water District.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to employees of the Dedham Westwood Water District (House, No. 2917).

Thomas Harmon,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Thomas Harmon to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 2998).

Natick,— civil service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting the position of assistant fire chief in the town of Natick from the civil service law (House, No. 3901) [Local Approval Received].

Leo MacAskill,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for violent act injury retirement benefits for retirement police officer Leo MacAskill (House, No. 3915) [Local Approval Received].

Westfield,— police officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (House, No. 3916) [Local Approval Received].

Weston,— police officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston (House, No. 4031) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing Dartmouth Fire District No. 1 to appoint the position of treasurer (House, No. 3952), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Third reading bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, August 28, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

Nuclear panel.

The Minority Leader announced that (under the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016) he had re-appointed Mary J. Gatslick of Plymouth to the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Monson Lions Club.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ashe of Longmeadow and Puppolo of Springfield) congratulating the Monson Lions Club on its seventieth anniversary;

Groveland.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Ramos of North Andover) congratulating the town of Groveland on the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of its incorporation; and

James McLaughlin.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating James McLaughlin on celebrating his retirement from the Franklin Fire Department;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Saunders of Belchertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4595-1068 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Department of Public Health's report entitled: "Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children Status";

Medical assistance.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1068 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Medical Assistance Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2026;

Transportation trust fund.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-6368 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund (MTTF) transfer schedule for fiscal year 2026;

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-6369 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) transfer report for fiscal year 2026; and — MBTA.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-6379 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Merit Rating Board transfer report for fiscal year 2026; — Merit Rating Board.

Severally were placed on file.

Orders.

The Order (filed by Representatives Barber of Somerville and Cataldo of Concord) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 31, 2025 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. — Environment and Natural Resources,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4458), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The Order (filed by Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ramos of North Andover) relative to extending until Thursday, October 2, 2025 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. — Housing,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4455), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Saunders of Belchertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 4371),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. — Service animals,— commission.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill further regulating the Gloucester Fisheries Commission (Senate, No. 2566); and — Gloucester,— fisheries.

House Bills

Authorizing a special election in the city of Methuen to fill a vacancy in the Office of Mayor (House, No. 838) [Local Approval Received]; — Methuen,— mayor.

Relative to assault and battery upon a transit worker (House, No. 1877); — Transit workers.

Authorizing the city of New Bedford Retirement Board to provide certain retirement benefits to Lavar Gilbert (House, No. 2864) [Local Approval Received]; — New Bedford,— Lavar Gilbert.

Designating veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day (House, No. 3388); — Veterans suicide day.

Providing for recall elections in the town of Berlin (House, No. 3896) [Local Approval Received]; — Berlin,— recall elections.

Providing for violent act injury retirement benefits for retirement police officer Leo MacAskill (House, No. 3915) [Local Approval Received]; — Revere,— Leo MacAskill.

Increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston (House, No. 4031) [Local Approval Received]; — Weston,— police officers.

Changing the term of the elected office of moderator in the town of Holden (House, No. 4211) [Local Approval Received]; — Holden,— moderator.

Authorizing the town of Hingham to utilize alternative methods for publication of legal notices (House, No. 4244) [Local Approval Received]; and — Hingham,— charter.

To enforce support orders for adult children in need of support (House, No. 4327). — Adult children,— support orders.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing dental care to senior citizens (House, No. 758). — Dental care,— seniors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to home care services (House, No. 762, changed in line 1 by striking out the words "elder affairs" and inserting in place thereof the words "aging and independence"). — Home care services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to assisted living and the frail elder waiver (House, No. 791). — Frail elder waiver.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 780, a Bill establishing the hospital to home partnership program (House, No. 4432). — Hospital to home program.

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to amend the structure of the Commission of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (House, No. 225). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. — Grandparents raising grandchildren.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on a petition, a Bill relative to LGBT and HIV-positive seniors in the Commonwealth (House, No. 776, changed in line 1 by striking out the figures: "44" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "45"). — LGBT seniors.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to child fatality review (House, No. 234). — Child fatalities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a loan repayment program for human services workers (House, No. 283). — Human service workers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 227 and 262, a Bill enhancing child welfare protections (House, No. 4416). — Child welfare protections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 247, a Bill updating the juvenile justice policy and data board (House, No. 4417). — Juvenile justice.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to admissions requirements to institutions of higher education (House, No. 1458). — Public universities,— admissions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1425 and 1452, a Bill banning legacy and donor preferences in higher education (House, No. 4406). — Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1430, 1432, 1435, 1441 and 1455, a Bill relative to college in high school (House, No. 4407). — Advanced placement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1466, a Bill establishing the hunger free campus initiative (House, No. 4408). Food security.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1467, a Bill to facilitate student financial assistance (House, No. 4409). Students,— financial aid.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill ensuring confidentiality for emergency service providers (House, No. 2668). Emergency service providers.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill providing killed in the line of duty benefits to Joanne Songy, surviving spouse of Detective John D. Songy, a police officer of the town of Rutland (House, No. 2823). Rutland,— Joanne Songy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill regarding the disability pension for John Moran administered by the Middlesex County retirement board (House, No. 2922). John Moran,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the disability retirement of David Patterson, a police officer in the of Commonwealth of Massachusetts (sic) (House, No. 2953). David Patterson,— retirement.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for John C. Murphy (House, No. 4454). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. John Murphy,— sick leave.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James Caruso, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see House, No. 4230), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. James Caruso,— sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carlos Borges, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4322, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. Carlos Borges,— sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 7 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill dissolving the Wellesley Housing Development Corporation (see House, No. 4139) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

To increase the income limit for the Senior Tax Deferral Program in the town of Ipswich (House, No. 3156) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the city of Springfield (House, No. 3213);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Seekonk,—charter.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Seekonk (House, No. 3913), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4459), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Yolanda Cerullo.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Biele of Boston) honoring Yolanda Cerullo on her one hundred and second birthday and for her service to the United States of America; and

Peabody,—Knights of Columbus.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Walsh of Peabody and Kerans of Danvers) honoring the Knights of Columbus Peabody Leo Council #508 on their one hundred and twenty-fifth year anniversary;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

Education,—extension of time for reporting.

An Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 17, 2025 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4462), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gallagher of Bridgewater, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy,—extension of time for reporting.

An Order (filed by Representatives Cusack of Braintree and Kushmerek of Fitchburg) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utitlities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4461), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the August 21, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; Emergency housing assistance.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Settlements and Judgements for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025; and Settlements and judgements.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 122 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting guidance on the impacts of electric battery storage and electric vehicle chargers; Electric battery storage and chargers.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

The annual report of the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (under Section 4H of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) for calendar year 2024; and Administrative Law Appeals.

A report of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under Section 125 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report entitled: "Flood Risk Mapping Resources Assessment and Recommendations"; Flood risk mapping.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gregory Baker, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's office (Senate, No. 2560) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Gregory Baker,— sick leave.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Peter J. Durant and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Emily Coollick, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service. Emily Coollick,— sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2595) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Lisa Field for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Aayden Daniels, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service. Aayden Daniels,— sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to rescind all previous calls for a federal constitutional convention. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. Federal constitutional convention.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing reserved capacity billing in the town of Norfolk (House, No. 3899) [Local Approval Received]; Norfolk,— billing.

Relative to the town resident requirement for the town manager of the town of Dalton (House, No. 4210) [Local Approval Received]; Dalton,— town manager.

Authorizing the town of Lancaster to dissolve its animal control commission (House, No. 4212) [Local Approval Received]; Lancaster,— animals.

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to expand the options available to issue notices of violation for parking enforcement above the limits set forth in M.G.L. C. 90, §20A½ or other applicable state laws (House, No. 4231) [Local Approval Received]; Cambridge,— violation notices.

Relative to the charter of the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4232) [Local Approval Received]; Fairhaven,— charter.

Amending the charter of the city of Malden (House, No. 4233) [Local Approval Received]; Malden,— charter.

To amend the town charter of Ipswich (House, No. 4243) [Local Approval Received]; and Ipswich,— charter.

Establishing a sick leave bank for John C. Murphy (House, No. 4454). John Murphy.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on House, Nos. 176 and 181, a Bill further defining eligibility for medical use marijuana (House, No. 176). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing. Medical marijuana eligibility.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill enhancing disclosure requirements for synthetic media in political advertising (House, No. 846). Political advertising.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to reprecincting (House, No. 856). Reprecincting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing disclosure of political phone calls (House, No. 858). Political phone calls.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to early voting and vote by mail (House, No. 860). Early and mail voting.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill to protect the collective bargaining rights of certain administrative employees (House, No. 2068). Collective bargaining rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to roadway excavation quality assurance (House, No. 2089). Roadway excavation.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting employment discrimination based on legal use of cannabis (House, No. 159). Cannabis use,— employment discrimination.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to gender neutral language in elections law (House, No. 804). Election law,— language.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the role of Governor's Councillor on the ballot (House, No. 805). Governor's Councillors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to absentee voting (House, No. 822). Absentee voting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to uniformity of ballots in polling places (House, No. 832). Ballots,— polling places.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to election ballots (House, No. 837). Election ballots.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to changing the two-year elected term for the Mayor of Chicopee to a four-year elected term (House, No. 4201) [Local Approval Received]. Chicopee,— mayoral term.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne (see House, No. 4364), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. Bourne,— land.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Starvaski, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4426) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and Third reading bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4427) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 4, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Edward Kenney.

During the session (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), at the request of Mr. Biele of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Edward F. Kenney who passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on August 18th, just days before his 104th birthday.

Born and raised in South Boston, Ed lived a long and remarkable life rooted in love, service, and community. A proud member of the "greatest generation," Ed served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II in both the Pacific and European theaters, including on D-Day.

After the war, he married the love of his life, Mary T. (McDonough) Kenney, with whom he shared 56 wonderful years of marriage. Together they raised five children. In addition to raising a family, he proudly served the city of Boston as a firefighter, working on the fireboat and Engine Company 1.

Devoted son of the late Hannah Kenney, a loving brother to his six siblings, and a cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews, Ed is survived by his five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

North Reading,—Flint library.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Jones of North Reading) congratulating the Flint Memorial Library on its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary;

Newell Tillman.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arciero of Westford) honoring and commending Newell Tillman for his twenty years of dedicated volunteer service to the town of Westford;

Ernestina-Morrissey.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Cabral of New Bedford) celebrating the Ernestina-Morrissey historic voyage to Newfoundland; and

Cerebral and cortical vision month.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Owens of Watertown and other members of the House) recognizing the month of September 2025 as Cerebral and Cortical Vision Impairment Awareness Month;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the

committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through July, 2025; Gaming revenue.

From the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (see Section 23(2A)(e)(xi) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 fourth quarterly report; and PRIM Board.

From the Committee for Public Counsel Services (see item 0321-1599 of Section 2 of Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its staffing expansion plan for fiscal years 2026 and 2027; Public Counsel Services.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4473) of Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be authorized to place upon a town ballot a question to increase the number of licenses for all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Arlington,— liquor licenses.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4474) of James J. O'Day and Michael O. Moore (with the approval of the city council) relative to provisional employees of the city of Worcester and exempting certain positions from the civil service law; Worcester,— civil service.

By Representative Rogers of Norwood, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4475) of John H. Rogers (by vote of the town) that the town of Norwood be authorized to appoint retired police officers as special police officers in said town; Norwood,— special police.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4477) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that William (Rob) Cargill be authorized to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. Haverhill,— William Cargill.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4476) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that Kenneth Navarro be authorized to take the civil service examination for the position of fire fighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and Haverhill,— Kenneth Navarro.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Marsi of Charlton and Senator Fattman presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Marsi, Ryan C. Fattman and Paul K. Frost for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Candy J. Pike, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Candy Pike,— sick leave.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2596) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the appropriation and expenditure of funds for the maintenance, repair and improvement of private roads under certain conditions, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Gloucester,— private roads.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark for legislation to establish a regional fire district and department for the towns of Charlemont and Rowe. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Charlemont and Rowe,— fire district.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the release or exclusion of certain land from conservation restrictions in the town of Deerfield. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Deerfield,— land.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gregory Baker, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's office (Senate, No. 2560); and Gregory Baker,— sick leave.

House bills

Relative to supporting student participation in 4-H programs (House, No. 713); 4-H programs.

Updating the linkage exaction program in the city of Medford (House, No. 4252) [Local Approval Received]; Medford,— linkage program.

Relative to elected terms and municipal years (House, No. 4253) [Local Approval Received]; and Boston,— terms.

Authorizing the town of Milford to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages into a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 4359) [Local Approval Received]; Milford,— liquor license.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4319) of Adam J. Scanlon and Manny Cruz for legislation to further regulate the retail sale of dogs, cats, rabbits, and guinea pigs in pet shops,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Pet shops.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on a petition, a Bill to strengthen supportive housing and reduce healthcare costs for low-income seniors (House, No. 1369). Low-income seniors.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to apprenticeship programs (House, No. 2099). Apprenticeship programs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to snow removal service liability limitation (House, No. 2100). Snow removal liability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to defense against abusive waivers (House, No. 2114). Abusive waivers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to protecting wages of deceased employees (House, No. 2117). Deceased employee wages.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to employee definition harmonization (House, No. 2141). Unemployment insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to employee leave of absence to appear in the Probate and Family Court (House, No. 2158). Employees,— leaves of absence.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to apprenticeship programs (House, No. 2165). Apprenticeship programs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to consolidating multiple definitions of employee (House, No. 2180). Employee,— definitions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2075, a Bill requiring OSHA training (House, No. 4448). OSHA training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2096, a Bill relative to workplace safety and disclosure of violations (House, No. 4449). Workplace safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2153, a Bill expanding access to commuter transit benefits offered by employers (House, No. 4451). Employers,— commuter transit benefits.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to employment protections for victims of abusive behavior (House, No. 2143). Victim protection,— abusive behavior.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2119, a Bill regulating the use of credit reports by employers (House, No. 4450). Employers,— credit reports.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill relative to student mental health (House, No. 2221). Students,— mental health.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne (see House, No. 4364) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the Cotuit Fire District to raise and appropriate money for the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit (House, No. 2259); Third reading bills.

Relative to the Lanesborough Select Board (House, No. 4056); and

To increase the membership of the Haverhill board of health from 3 members to 5 members (House, No. 4057) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Monday, September 8, 2025.

Met at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

Polycystic Disease Awareness Month.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Sangiolo of Newton and other members of the House) commending the PKD Foundation for its recognition of September 2025 as Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Month, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4472).

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Saturday, October 4, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current a House document (House, No. 4480).

Order (filed by Representatives Cabral of New Bedford and Tyler of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4471).

Order (filed by Representatives Cusack of Braintree and Kushmerek of Fitchburg) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4481).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-1068 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Medical Assistance Trust Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2025; and

Medical Assistance Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 63 of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance Job Order Contracting report for fiscal years 2024 and 2025;

Job order contracting.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for June, 2025, was placed on file.

Net state tax revenue.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill establishing a charter for the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4156), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2598. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Cambridge,— charter.

The House Bill establishing a charter for the city of Medford (House, No. 4263), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2597. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Medford,— charter.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2599) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to provide insurance coverage for the medically necessary treatment of port-wine stains; and

Insurance,— port-wine stains.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2600) of Michael F. Rush for legislation to require health insurance coverage for scalp cooling systems;

Insurance,— scalp cooling.

Severally to the committee on Financial Services.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rules 12 and 9 be suspended on the petition of Adrian C. Madaro relative to modernizing the governance of port authority parks in the East Boston section of the city of Boston. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rules 12 and 9 were suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was

Boston,— port authority.

referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Mindy Domb relative to charter school funding. To the committee on Education. — Charter schools.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to fishing licenses for seniors. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. — Fishing licenses.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Marsi, Ryan C. Fattman and Paul K. Frost for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Candy J. Pike, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. To the committee on Public Service. — Candy Pike,— sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to student mental health (House, No. 2221); — Mental health.

Regarding the disability pension for Misael Rodriguez administered by the Springfield retirement board (House, No. 2939) [Local Approval Received]; — Springfield,— Misael Rodriguez.

Designating September as PCOS awareness month (House, No. 3392); — PCOS month.

Relative to roadway safety (House, No. 3812); — Roadway safety.

Amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to incorporate appointment powers of the board of library trustees (House, No. 4292) [Local Approval Received]; and — Hopkinton,— library trustees.

Establishing an economic development special revenue account for the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4293) [Local Approval Received]; — Hopkinton,— development.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill promoting equity in agriculture (House, No. 111, changed in line 9, and in line 46, by inserting after the word “agriculture” the words “and fisheries”). — Agriculture equity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 118, a Resolve providing for an investigation by a special commission relative to the strengths and sustainability of the Commonwealth’s emergency food network (House, No. 4419). — Emergency food network.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee Transportation, on a petition, a Resolve relative to a VFW Parkway master plan special commission (House, No. 3734). — VFW Parkway commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to greener and healthier transportation corridors (House, No. 3752). — Transportation corridors.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill relative to lobstering closure mitigation (House, No. 110, changed in section 1, in line 22, by inserting after the word “agriculture” the words “and fisheries”). — Lobster closure mitigation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to hemp and hemp products in the Commonwealth (House, No. 117). Hemp products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to reimbursement of the marine recreational fisheries development fund (House, No. 123). Marine fisheries fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to food justice with jobs (House, No. 132). Jobs,— food justice.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 116, 120 and 130, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Food Policy Council (House, No. 4418). Food policy council.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 119, a Bill to address the impact of climate change on farms and fisheries (House, No. 4420). Farms and fisheries.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 125 and 142, a Bill establishing healthy soil performance guidelines (House, No. 4421). Healthy soil.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 127, a Bill prohibiting the aquaculture of any species of octopus for the purpose of human consumption (House, No. 4422). Octopuses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 128, a Bill relative to establishing a food justice frontline (House, No. 4423). Food justice.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, No. 300, a Bill improving micro business and small business representation (House, No. 4460) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Micro and small businesses.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 341 and 432, a Bill extending live and simulcasted horse racing in the Commonwealth (House, No. 341). Simulcasting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 383, a Bill expanding licensure opportunity for school counselors (House, No. 4456). School counselors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 431, a Bill to end housing discrimination in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4457). Real estate brokers.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill requiring licensed auto insurance damage appraisers to provide safety notices to the owners of damaged motor vehicles (House, No. 1153). Damaged motor vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the compulsory automobile insurance limits (House, No. 1304). Automobile insurance limits.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to firefighter retirement benefits (House, No. 2753). Firefighters,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Parkinson's disease disability and death in firefighters (House, No. 2836). Firefighters,— Parkinson's.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2841 and 2842, a Bill providing equity and fairness to POST-certified police officers disabled by cardiac disease (House, No. 2842). Police officers,— cardiac disease.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2846 and 2851, a Bill relative to disability or death cause by contagious disease; presumption [sic] (House, No. 2846). Contagious diseases.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to PTSD and accidental disability (House, No. 2853). PTSD and disability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing fair and equitable line of duty death benefits for public employees (House, No. 2901). Death benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the disability or death caused by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) (House, No. 2909). PTSD,— disability or death.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to disability or death caused by contagious disease; presumption [sic] (House, No. 2961). Contagious diseases.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to enhance agricultural operations (House, No. 3627). Agricultural operations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill facilitating cost efficient transportation (House, No. 3629). Cost efficient transportation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder (House, No. 3655). Police,— persons with autism.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enhance pedestrian safety (House, No. 3731). Pedestrian safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to rehabilitate regional roadways (House, No. 3751). Regional roadways.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to promoting native plantings for stormwater management, pollinator support and climate resilience (House, No. 3998) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting]. Highways,— native plantings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing accountability for stormwater runoff mitigation and watershed restoration (House, No. 3999) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting]. Roadways,— watershed restoration.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on House, No. 139, a Bill relative to rodeos (House, No. 4424). Rodeos.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill to relative to an underinsurance issue (House, No. 1109). Underinsurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for temporary emergency licensing of appraisers of motor vehicle damage covered by auto insurance policies (House, No. 1231). Automobile appraiser licensing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill [sic] eliminate penalty charges when canceling auto insurance (House, No. 1269). Auto insurance,— penalties.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to primary insurance (House, No. 1301). Primary insurance.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to charter changes for the town of Longmeadow (House, No. 4312) [Local Approval Received]. Longmeadow,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill allowing “print-free” digital legal notices for the town of North Brookfield (House, No. 4313) [Local Approval Received]. North Brookfield,— digital notices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to allow the town of Hingham to use municipal property as the location for a center for active living (House, No. 4314) [Local Approval Received]. Hingham,— property.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Dalton Fire District to continue the employment of interim fire chief Christopher Francis Cachat (House, No. 4321). Dalton,— Christopher Cachat.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Williamstown Library Trustees (House, No. 4347) [Local Approval Received]. Williamstown,— library trustees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a cemetery in the town of Norton (House, No. 4348) [Local Approval Received]. Norton,— cemetery.

Police officers and firefighters.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 2940 and 2978, a Bill relative to police officers and firefighters relative to Chapter 41, Section 111F (House, No. 2940).

Off-highway vehicle safety.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill promoting safety in the use of off-highway vehicles (House, No. 3639).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

Alexandra Schwartz,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexandra Schwartz, an employee of the Department of State Police (see House, No. 4323), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill dissolving the Whately Water District (House, No. 2250, changed), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at a half past eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at a half past eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Thursday, September 11, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at a half past eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

9/11 anniversary.

At the request of Representatives Mariano of Quincy and Jones of North Reading, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of the nearly 3,000 souls who were lost during the September 11th terrorist attacks. Twenty-four years later, Americans have not forgotten the fathers, sons, mothers, and daughters who tragically lost their lives that day. Many of the lives lost were first responders — firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and countless others — who ran towards danger to save others without hesitation. They were heroes. May we never forget all those whose lives were cut short that day, and may we allow their stories to inspire us to live with courage and unity.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

Senior housing.

That Will Duffy, Elder Affairs Policy Analyst for the Office of the House Minority Leader, had been appointed (under the provisions of Section 126 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024 and most recently continued by Section 69 of Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2025) to the special commission to study and make recommendations on creating affordable and healthy senior housing; and

Low-income housing.

That Michael Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director for the Office of the House Minority Leader, had been appointed (under the provisions of Section 148 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024 and most recently continued under the provisions of Section 94 of Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2025) to the special commission to study and make recommendations on expanding the supply of housing available and affordable to tenants with a household income of not more than 30 per cent of the area median income, adjusted for household size, as periodically determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Stoneham,— Campbell Square.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Day of Stoneham) honoring the dedication of the Joseph T. Campbell Memorial Square in the town of Stoneham;

Stoneham,—Cerrone Square.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Day of Stoneham) honoring the dedication of the Joseph C. Cerrone, Jr. Memorial Square in the town of Stoneham;

Stoneham,—English Square.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Day of Stoneham) honoring the dedication of the James P. English Memorial Square in the town of Stoneham;

Stoneham,—Fitzgibbon Square.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Day of Stoneham) honoring the dedication of the Richard B. Fitzgibbon, Jr. Memorial Square in the town of Stoneham;

Stoneham,—Moran Square.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Day of Stoneham) honoring the dedication of the Paul R. Moran Memorial Square in the town of Stoneham;

Stoneham,—Schultz Square.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Day of Stoneham) honoring the dedication of the George C. Schultz, Jr. Memorial Square in the town of Stoneham;

IBEW Local 103.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hunt of Boston and other members of the House) congratulating the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 103 on its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary; and

National Principals Month.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) commending the Massachusetts School Administrators Association in recognizing National Principals Month;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Thursday, October 9, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4484).

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Tuesday, October 21, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4485).

Order (filed by Representatives Cahill of Lynn and Worrell of Boston) relative to extending until Thursday, October 9, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4486).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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Cape and Islands,—drug data.

From the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (see Section 47 of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 expenditures for drug rehabilitation, drug education and other anti-drug or neighborhood crime watch programs;

From the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (see Section 47 of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 expenditures for motor vehicle forfeiture funds; Cape and Islands,— forfeiture funds.

From the District Attorney of Berkshire County (see Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2024; Berkshire County.

From the District Attorney of Berkshire County (see Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2022; Id.

From the District Attorney of Berkshire County (see Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2021; Id.

From the District Attorney of Berkshire County (see Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2020; Id.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from August 7, 2025 to September 3, 2025; Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the September 4, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and Emergency housing assistance.

From Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 57 of Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020) submitting the annual report on the Cranberry Bog Renovation Tax Credit for calendar years 2020 and 2021; Cranberry bogs,— tax credit.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4498) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) relative to elections in the town of Conway; and Conway,— elections.

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4499) of Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize ranked choice voting in the town of Arlington. Arlington,— ranked choice voting.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Representatives Cataldo of Concord and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4500) of Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Concord be authorized to ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides within said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Concord,— rodenticides.

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4510) of Michelle L. Badger (by vote of the town) relative to digital legal notices for the town of Plymouth; Plymouth,— digital legal notices.

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4502) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the town manager act of the town of Arlington; Arlington,— town manager.

By Representative Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4503) of Kate Hogan (by vote of the town) relative to amending the charter of the town of Hudson; Hudson,— charter.

Plymouth,—charter.

By Representatives LaNatra of Kingston and Badger of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4501) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and Michelle L. Badger (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Plymouth;

Nantucket,—charter.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4504) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) for legislation to make the charter of the county on Nantucket gender neutral; and

Nantucket,—land.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4505) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the county of Nantucket to convey School Street situated in the town and county of Nantucket for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Conway,—Howard Boyden.

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4506) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Conway be authorized to continue the employment of fire department member Howard Boyden;

Arlington,—William Pilleri.

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4507) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) that William Pilleri be authorized to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the town of Arlington notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,—Patricia Lampron.

By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4508) of Daniel J. Hunt (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Boston Retirement Board be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance to Patricia M. Lampron, a retired employee of the school department of said city; and

Nantucket,—pension bonds.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4509) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to issue pension obligation bonds or notes.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Automobiles,—surveillance data.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to the use of data from automobile surveillance devices, so-called.

Golf carts.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford relative to the operation of golf carts in certain rural communities.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

Kathleen Rodrigue,—sick leave.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the joint petition of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rodrigue, an employee of the Chief Medical Examiner's office. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition

(accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to retired Quincy firefighter Kevin Bythrow (House, No. 2775) [Local Approval Received]; — Kevin Bythrow.

Relative to the maximum age requirement for firefighters for the town of Bedford (House, No. 2852) [Local Approval Required]; — Bedford,— firefighters.

Authorizing the continued employment of Steven A. Hilliger, firefighter of the town of Lancaster (House, No. 2879) [Local Approval Received]; — Steven Hilliger.

Designating Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution (House, No. 3427); — Fred Korematsu day.

Relative to obstructed views while driving (House, No. 3765); — Driving.

Lieutenant Deputy Sheriff Brian McPherson disability pension [sic] (House, No. 3978) [Local Approval Received]; and — Brian McPherson.

Relative to a cemetery in the town of Norton (House, No. 4348) [Local Approval Received]; — Norton,— cemetery.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a legislative commission to study and make recommendations regarding the chapter 70 funding formula (House, No. 555); — Chapter 70,— funding.

Of the Bill to improve parking and pedestrian safety (House, No. 2316); and — Parking safety.

Of the Bill relative to archaic laws (House, No. 4396); — Archaic laws.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 85) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne relative to determination of need of new technology,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing. — Technology need.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 573) of Carole A. Fiola and others that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education be authorized to adopt an abuse prevention policy,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. — Abuse prevention policies.

Under Rule 42, the reports were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to health insurance for surviving spouses (House, No. 2801). — Surviving spouses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to mandatory coverage for certain health screenings for firefighters (House, No. 2918). — Firefighters,— health screenings.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 1426, a Bill to provide green and healthy public colleges and universities (House, No. 4463). Deferred maintenance.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1630, a Bill relative to the examination of evidence rooms and evidentiary procedures (House, No. 4464). Evidence,— study.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4413). Bonding terms.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill establishing a commission to study dredging needs for recreational boating in Commonwealth waterways (House, No. 957) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Waterway dredging,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the circular economy (House, No. 987) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Circular economy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 897 and 1009, a Bill to overcome coastal and environmental acidification and nutrient pollution (House, No. 1009) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Coastal pollution.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1636, a Bill relative to clarity and consistency for the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board (House, No. 4465). Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1640 and 1655, a Bill to modernize the roles and responsibilities of the victim and witness assistance board (House, No. 4466). Victim and witness assistance board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1642, a Bill concerning the arrest without a warrant of persons on probation and temporary custody (House, No. 4467). Arrests,— warrants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1740, a Bill to simplify the administrative aspect of evidentiary use of medical information (House, No. 4468). Medical information,— evidence.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2030, a Bill to implement recommendations of the Commission on structural racism in the parole process (House, No. 4470). Parole,— structural racism.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to 911 emergency communicators (House, No. 2840). 911 emergency communicators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to death benefits to surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters (House, No. 2844). Surviving spouses,— death benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to accrued leave while awaiting a determination of 111F (House, No. 2845). Safety employees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill aligning disability pensions for violent crimes (House, No. 2848). Disability pensions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety employee death benefits (House, No. 2897). Public works employees.

Public safety,—benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety line of duty benefits (House, No. 2913).

Environmental law enforcement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to clarifying the application of the heart bill (House, No. 2969).

Joseph Suppa,—retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to retirement benefits for Joseph Suppa (House, No. 4147).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Criminal complaints.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relative to authorizing electronic signatures for criminal complaints (House, No. 1690).

Probation violations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1771, a Bill regarding probation violations (House, No. 4469).

Group Insurance Commission.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to public hearings of the Group Insurance Commission (House, No. 2782).

Public safety personnel,—physicals.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to maintenance of physical examinations records for public safety personnel (House, No. 2860).

PRIM Board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the membership of the PRIM Board (House, No. 2933).

Aayden Daniels,—sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Aayden Daniels (House, No. 4478).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

Cambridge,—charter.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a charter for the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4156), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with further amendments in section 1, in lines 149 and 150, by striking out the words "under this subsection";

In line 325 by striking out the words "a temporary or" and inserting in place thereof the word "an";

In line 510 by striking out the following: "subsection (b)" and inserting in place thereof the words "the second paragraph of this section"; and

In line 529 by striking out the following: "7-7(b)" and inserting in place thereof the following: "7-7"; and

By striking out sections 3 to 7, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following 5 sections:

"SECTION 3. All persons appointed or elected to offices, boards, commissions and agencies in the city of Cambridge at the time the charter established under section 1 takes effect shall continue to perform the duties thereof until they are reappointed or re-elected or until successors to their respective positions are appointed or elected or until their duties have been transferred and assumed by another city office, board, commission or agency.

SECTION 4. Any person holding an office or a position in the administrative service of the city of Cambridge or any person holding permanent employment under the city at the time the charter established under section 1 takes effect shall retain their office, position or employment and shall continue to perform the duties of their respective office, position or employment until provision has been made for the performance of those duties by another person or agency; provided, however, that a person in the permanent service of the city shall not forfeit their pay grade or time in the service of the town as a result of the adoption of the city charter under section 1. Nothing in this section shall provide a person holding an administrative office or position or a person serving in the employment of the city on the effective date of this act with any greater rights or privileges with regard to that person's continued service or employment with the city than that person had before the effective date of this act. Nothing in this section shall impair the rights of any person under an individual employment contract or collective bargaining agreement.

SECTION 5. All records, property and equipment of an office, board, commission, committee or agency or part thereof of the city of Cambridge, the powers and duties of which are assigned in whole or in part to another city office, board, commission or agency pursuant to section 1 of this act shall be transferred to the office, board, commission or agency as so assigned.

SECTION 6. All official bonds, recognizances, obligations, contracts and other instruments entered into or executed by, on behalf of or to the city of Cambridge before the charter established under section 1 takes effect and all taxes, assessments, fines, penalties and forfeitures incurred or imposed or due or owing to the city of Cambridge shall be enforced and collected and all writs, prosecutions, actions and causes of action, except as herein otherwise provided, shall continue without abatement and remain unaffected by the adoption of the charter in section 1 and no legal act done by or in favor of the city shall be rendered invalid by reason of the passage of this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Cambridge for acceptance at the next biennial city election occurring not less than 35 days after the effective date of this section in the form of the following question: 'Shall An Act establishing a charter for the city of Cambridge be accepted?' Below the question shall appear a summary of the composition and mode of selection of the legislative and executive branches and school committee or, if a change of none of these is involved, the most significant proposed change or changes. If a majority of votes are cast in the affirmative, sections 1 to 6, inclusive, shall take effect on January 1 of the year immediately following the date of the vote for adoption, but not otherwise.".

The further amendments were adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendments.

Medford,— charter.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a charter for the city of Medford (House, No. 4263), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment by striking out sections 5 and 6 and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 5. Sections 1, 2 and 3 shall take effect upon acceptance of the question in section 4 by a majority of the voters participating in the November 4, 2025 election voting in the affirmative, but not otherwise.

SECTION 6. Sections 4 and 5 shall take effect upon passage.”.

The further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Third reading bill.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gregory Baker, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff’s office (Senate, No. 2560), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Amending the special legislation establishing the Acton Memorial Library (House, No. 4173);

Relative to the Ayer Library (House, No. 4174); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for John C. Murphy, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4454) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

Recess.

At thirteen minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at eleven minutes after one o’clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Paper from the Senate.

Somerville,— charter.

The House Bill establishing a charter for the city of Somerville (House, No. 4445), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2604.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Subsequently said committee reported that the amendment was correctly drawn; and it was adopted in concurrence.

Emergency Measures.

Gregory Baker,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gregory Baker, an employee of the Suffolk County Sherriff’s office (see Senate, No. 2560), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4427), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. Ankita Gajendra Patel,— sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Establishing a charter for the city of Cambridge (see House, No. 4156, amended); Bills enacted.

Establishing a charter for the city of Medford (see House, No. 4263, amended); and

Establishing a charter for the city of Somerville (see House, No. 4445, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Representative Garcia of Chelsea moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Robert F. Donovan, a member of the House from Chelsea from 1971 to 1976, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-nine minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, September 15, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Charlie Kirk.

At the request of Representative Jones of North Reading, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of political activist Charlie Kirk, who was fatally shot during a speaking appearance at Utah Valley University on September 10. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Erika, and their two children. We condemn this senseless act and urge a return to civil discourse, where opposing views can be freely exchanged and debated without the threat of violence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Plymouth,—City of Peace.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston) commending the town of Plymouth on becoming the four hundred and fifty-first International City of Peace; and

Pain Awareness Month.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Decker of Cambridge) honoring the Massachusetts Pain Initiative for its recognition of September 2025 as Pain Awareness Month;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Hong of Lowell) relative to extending until Sunday, November 23, 2025 the time within which the committee on Community Development and Small Business is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4519).

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 17, 2025 the time within which the

committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4520).

Order (filed by Representatives Lawn of Watertown and Kilcoyne of Clinton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4517).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Environment and Natural Resources,— extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives Barber of Somerville and Cataldo of Concord) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 31, 2025 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4516), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Telecomm-unications, Utilities and Energy,— extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives Cusack of Braintree and Kushmerek of Fitchburg) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4518), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Concord,— town meetings.

By Representatives Cataldo of Concord and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4522) of Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) relative to remote participation at town meetings and special town meetings in the town of Concord. To the committee on Election Laws.

Nantucket,— land.

By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4523) of Thomas W. Moakley (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Nantucket to convey a certain parcel of land in said town to the Nantucket Islands Land Bank and to the Sconset Trust, Inc; and

Williamsburg,— select board.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4524) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Williamsburg be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Conway,— Michael Habel.

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4525) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Conway be authorized to continue the employment of police department member Michael W. Habel. To the committee on Public Service.

North Attleborough,— senior tax exemption.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4526) of Adam J. Scanlon and Paul R. Feeney (with the approval of the town council) that the town of North Attleborough

be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Marie Letendre,— sick leave.

Ms. Badger of Plymouth presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marie Letendre, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Cranberry water use.

A report of the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 602) of Dylan A. Fernandes, Michael D. Brady and Julian Cyr for legislation relative to a cranberry water use transfer program,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Superload permits.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to modernize permitting for the transportation of certain loads, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2606) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Pipefitting exemptions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Marcus S. Vaughn and David T. Vieira for legislation to further regulate pipefitting exemptions. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Hispanic-serving institutions.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael P. Kushmerek relative to Hispanic-serving institutions in higher education. To the committee on Higher Education.

Bone marrow and organ donation.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Richard M. Haggerty for legislation to include bone marrow and organ donation in the paid family and medical leave program. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Election law.

Relative to gender neutral language in elections law (House, No. 804);

Haverhill,— Stephen Justice.

Authorizing Stephen Justice to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 2985) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing Javier Vargas to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 2986) [Local Approval Received]; Haverhill,— Javier Vargas.

Authorizing Brittany Sproule to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 2987) [Local Approval Received]; Haverhill,— Brittany Sproule.

Authorizing Freddy Castaneda to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 2988) [Local Approval Received]; Haverhill,— Freddy Castaneda.

Relative to improved headlight safety (House, No. 3778); Headlights.

Exempting the position of assistant fire chief in the town of Natick from the civil service law (House, No. 3901) [Local Approval Received]; and Natick,— civil service.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Aayden Daniels (House, No. 4478). Aayden Daniels.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to require school attendance up to age 18 or until graduation (House, No. 524). School attendance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to reduce exclusionary discipline for violations of rules related to student grooming and dress (House, No. 576). Students,— exclusionary discipline.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 621, 622 and 663, a Bill relative to an expert panel on the education of advanced and gifted students (House, No. 622). Advanced and gifted students.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to corporal punishment (House, No. 625). Corporal punishment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reduce out-of-school suspensions (House, No. 718). Out-of-school suspensions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill addressing school exclusion policies to remedy disparities in educational achievement (House, No. 730). Schools,— exclusion policies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring accountability for inequities in suspension and expulsion or RAISE Act (House, No. 731). Suspension inequities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 705 and 748, a Bill to promote healthy culture and climate within schools (House, No. 748). Schools,— healthy culture.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill further regulating junior operator licenses (House, No. 3611). Junior operator licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to junior operators (House, No. 3643). Junior operators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing for partial payment of fines relating to driver's license suspension or revocation (House, No. 3739). Driver's license,— fines.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to license reinstatement fees for drivers without conviction (House, No. 3792). License reinstatement fees.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill providing for alternatives to fines for failure to send (House, No. 571). Fines,— alternatives.

Indigenous Peoples Day.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 3292 and 3419, a Bill establishing Indigenous Peoples Day (House, No. 3292).

Dwarfism awareness day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill making October 25th Dwarfism awareness day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3343).

Official jazz song.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the official jazz song of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3407).

Hardship license,—penalties.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to clarify penalties for violations occurring while driving with a hardship license (House, No. 3728).

Expired licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to expired licenses (House, No. 3736) [Representative Orrall of Lakeville dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Individuals with disabilities.

Amending certain laws relative to individuals with disabilities (Senate, No. 2563); and

Archaic laws.

Amending certain archaic laws (Senate, No. 2564); and

House bills

Plumbing or gas fitting work.

Relative to additional inspectors; inspector engaging in plumbing or gas fitting work (House, No. 2337); and

Tourette Syndrome.

Designating June 7 as Tourette Syndrome awareness day (House, No. 3305);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Legal parentage.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the report of the committee on the Judiciary, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1722) of John R. Gaskey relative to repealing the legal parentage equality act, be scheduled for consideration by the House. Under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on acceptance.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

To amend the town of Natick home rule charter (House, No. 3898);

Relative to the organization and governance structure of the town of Rochester (House, No. 4030); and

Relative to stabilization funds in the town of Leicester (House, No. 4136);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill designating September as PCOS awareness month (House, No. 3392), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time. PCOS awareness month.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith the month of September as Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Awareness Month, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3392, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Bartley J. "Bart" Joyce.

At the request of Representative Gordon of Bedford, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Bartley J. "Bart" Joyce, who passed away on Tuesday, September 9, at 90 years old.

Born in the small town of Lettermore, in County Galway, Ireland, he came to the United States as an infant and grew up in Charlestown. At 19, he enlisted in the Army during the Korean War and served in the 11th and 82nd Airborne Divisions.

While still in high school, he worked as a page at the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and after serving on the staff of a state representative, in 1967 he began his career in the office of the House Clerk as a clerical assistant. Through hard work, quiet dedication, and an unmatched understanding of legislative procedure, he rose through the ranks and was appointed Second Assistant Clerk in 1977. In 1983, Bart was appointed Assistant Clerk of the House, where he served with distinction until his retirement in 1996.

Bart was predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Charlene, who he met at the Golden Dome. Bart is survived by two siblings, 20 nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Statement of Representative Ciccolo of Lexington.

A statement of Ms. Ciccolo of Lexington was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Ciccolo of Lexington.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside the State House at an out-of-state conference on extended producer responsibility (EPR) policy. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Finn of West Springfield.

A statement of Mr. Finn of West Springfield was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Finn of

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to illness. Had

I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay No. 73. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated. West Springfield.

Statement of Representative Lombardo of Billerica.

A statement of Mr. Lombardo of Billerica was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled family commitment. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated. Statement of Representative Lombardo of Billerica.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Boldyga of Southwick, Ferguson of Holden and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting. Remote participation.

Guest of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess, for the purpose of making a special recognition. Mr. Donato then introduced and thanked Timothy O'Neill, Committee Director for the committee on Health Care Financing, for his twenty-five years of service to the Legislature. Timothy O'Neill.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Captain Mark S. Tomyl on his retirement as fire captain of the town of Maynard, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Mark Tomyl.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Hogan of Stow, the resolutions (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2605) of Paul R. Feeney and William C. Galvin (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate town elections in the town of Canton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws. Canton,— elections.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4429, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other State primary election date.

activities and projects (House, No. 4531). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,— affordable housing.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to certain affordable housing and branch library space in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston (House, No. 3932) [Local Approval Received], ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4532) [Local Approval Received]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was then adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Sylvia of Fairhaven, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Disabilities,— updates.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill updating terminology and investigative practices related to the protection of persons with disabilities (House, No. 243).

Incapacitated persons,— medical care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing guardians as providers of medical care to support the rights of incapacitated persons (House, No. 253).

Developmental disabilities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to persons with developmental disabilities (House, No. 276).

Personal care attendants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to cueing and supervision in the PCA program (House, No. 277).

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Sex offenders,— study.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders (House, No. 84).

Acquired brain injuries.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to establish an acquired brain injury advisory board (House, No. 231).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Cable contracts.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill relative to the oversight of cable contracts (House, No. 72).

Broadband.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill related to the resiliency, public safety and quality of broadband in Massachusetts (House, No. 75).

Cyberattacks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to cyberattack response in Massachusetts (House, No. 82).

Disabilities.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 232, a Bill relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (House, No. 4487).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Lexington to grant 10 additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3893); and

Authorizing the city of Melrose to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 3979);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and two minutes before two o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

Supplemental appropriations.

Prior to the noon recess, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4003, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4530) [Total appropriation: $157,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of rules, on motion of Mr. Lawn of Watertown, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—yea and nay

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Lawn of Watertown; and the roll call 148 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 73 in Supplement.] No. 73.

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at twenty-three minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 18, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Sweezey of Duxbury.

A statement of Mr. Sweezey of Duxbury was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Sweezey of Duxbury.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was not present in the House Chamber for yesterday's sitting due to unforeseen circumstances. If I had been present for the taking of roll call number 73, I would have voted in the affirmative. My missing of said roll call was due entirely to the reason stated.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Stanley of Waltham and Montaño of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Aging and Independence is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4535).

Order (filed by Representatives Chan of Quincy and Keefe of Worcester) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4540).

Order (filed by Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ramos of North Andover) relative to extending until Friday, October 31, 2025 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4541).

Order (filed by Representatives Arciero of Westford and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4527).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 18 ¾ of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting a report for Firearm-Related Activity in Massachusetts for calendar years 2022-2023; Firearm activity.

From the Department of Mental Health (see Section 23 of Chapter 19 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Children's Behavioral Health Knowledge Center for fiscal year 2024; Children's Behavioral Health Knowledge Center.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-0601 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Office of Grants and Research Commonwealth Project Safe Neighborhoods annual report for fiscal year 2025; Project Safe Neighborhoods.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-0605 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Office of Grants and Research Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training annual report for fiscal year 2025; Human trafficking.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-0655 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Office of Grants and Research Emerging Adult Reentry Initiative annual report for fiscal year 2025; Emerging adult reentry.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-1127 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Office of Grants and Research Commonwealth Nonprofit Security Grant Program annual report for fiscal year 2025; and Nonprofit security grants.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-0111 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Office of Grants and Research Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative annual report for fiscal year 2025; Shannon grants.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Hawkins of Attleboro and Pease of Westfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins, Kelly W. Pease and others for legislation to designate August 10th as Agent Orange awareness day. Agent Orange awareness day.

By Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Margaret R. Scarsdale that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to designate a certain trail in the J. Harry Rich State Forest in the town of Groton as the Marion Stoddart riverwalk. Groton,— Stoddart riverwalk.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2614) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to reform charter school funding in Massachusetts. To the committee on Education. Charter schools,— funding.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2613) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation to authorize the retirement board of the city of Salem to retire Kathleen Rocheville, a police officer of the city of Salem. To the committee on Public Service. Salem,— Kathleen Rocheville.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2612) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to provide for utility shutoff protections during periods of extreme heat. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Utility shutoffs.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2611) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to educate the public on the importance of wearing a seatbelt while riding in a vehicle carrying many passengers. To the committee Transportation. Seatbelts.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to employees of the Dedham Westwood Water District (House, No. 2917); Dedham Westwood Water District.

Relative to the membership of the PRIM Board (House, No. 2933); PRIM Board.

Relative to the Williamstown Library Trustees (House, No. 4347) [Local Approval Received]; and Williamstown,— library trustees.

Relative to rodeos (House, No. 4424). Rodeos.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill establishing a legislative commission to study and make recommendations regarding the Chapter 70 funding formula (House, No. 555) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Chapter 70,— funding study.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to amend the structure of the Commission of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (House, No. 225),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Grandparents raising grandchildren.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 684) of Jeffrey N. Roy, Marjorie C. Decker and Carlos González relative to providing for the availability of disposable menstrual products in schools,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Schools,— menstrual products.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill protecting 340B contract pharmacies (House, No. 785). Drug pricing pharmacies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enact the pharmacy benefit manager compensation reform (House, No. 1082). Pharmacy benefit managers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enact pharmacy benefit manager duties (House, No. 1167). Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to prescription medication re-authorization (House, No. 1222). Prescriptions,— re-authorization.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to prescription drug pricing (House, No. 1324). Prescriptions,—pricing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enact pharmacy benefit manager duties (House, No. 1334). Pharmacy benefit managers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1330, a Bill relative to pharmacy benefit managers reimbursements to pharmacies in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4488). Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1092, a Bill to ensure affordable prescription medications through accountability standards (House, No. 4489). Prescriptions,—affordability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1107, a Bill prohibiting discrimination against 340b drug discount program participants (House, No. 4490). Drug pricing,—participants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1125, a Bill relative to non-medical switching (House, No. 4491). Prescriptions,—alternate drugs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1133, a Bill relative to patient financial protection (House, No. 4492). Prescriptions,—out-of-pocket.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1157, a Bill to ensure access to prescription medication and community pharmacies (House, No. 4493). Community pharmacies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1274, a Bill prohibiting PBMs from discriminating against hospitals and patients participating in the 340B drug discount program (House, No. 4494). Drug pricing,—discrimination.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1296, a Bill to protect 340B providers (House, No. 4495). Drug pricing,—providers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1305, a Bill to help patients and reduce health care costs by ensuring patient adherence to medications (House, No. 4496). Prescriptions,—costs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1322, a Bill ensuring access to specialty medications (House, No. 4497). Specialty medications.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to pharmacy benefit managers (House, No. 1234). Pharmacy benefit managers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to promoting healthcare access and affordability for patients (House, No. 1364). Healthcare access.

Severally read, and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Candy J. Pike, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) (House, No. 4514). Candy Pike,—sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rodrigue (House, No. 4521). Kathleen Rodrigue,—sick leave.

Severally read, and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Relative to certain powers of the board of water commissioners of the Cotuit Fire District (House, No. 2258) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the charter of the town of Acushnet (House, No. 2341);

Relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4175);

Relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4176); and

Changing the term of the elected office of moderator in the town of Holden (House, No. 4211);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Chicopee,— charter.

The House Bill relative to making the charter of the city of Chicopee gender neutral (House, No. 2244), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4542), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Veterans suicide day.

The House Bill designating veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day (House, No. 3388), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith September 22 as Military Service Members and Veterans Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3388, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

Recess.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at ten minutes after one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Emergency Measures.

Supplemental appropriations.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4530), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

State primary election date.

The engrossed Bill establishing the 2026 state primary election date (see House, No. 4531), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill designating July 2 as Machado-Joseph Disease Awareness Day (see House, No. 3298) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-one minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, September 22, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Ciccolo of Lexington.

A statement of Ms. Ciccolo of Lexington was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Ciccolo of Lexington.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was not present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, September 17th. If I had been present for the taking of roll call number 73, I would have voted in the affirmative.

Statement of Representative Saunders of Belchertown.

A statement of Mr. Saunders of Belchertown was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Saunders of Belchertown.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was not present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, September 17th. If I had been present for the taking of roll call number 73, I would have voted in the affirmative.

Resolutions.

Children's Clinic.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) recognizing the fortieth anniversary of the Children's Clinic of the Cutchins Programs for Children and Families, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the resolutions (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Bristol County,—technology fund.

From the Office of the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Northern District (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund request for funds [copies of the communication were forwarded to

the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

From the Berkshire District Attorney's Office (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 law enforcement trust funds for drug rehabilitation, drug education and neighborhood crime watch programs; and

Berkshire District Attorney,— enforcement funds.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-2040 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the final Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report for fiscal year 2025 and accounts payable;

Paid prior year deficiency.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections, was placed on file.

Trial Court,— permanent rental protections.

Petition.

Representative Cruz of Salem presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4547) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to excise upon the transfer of parking spaces in the city of Salem; and the same was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Salem,— excise.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1413) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to promote the victim service fund with revenues received by the commonwealth from public and private sources as gifts, grants and donations,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Victims services,— fund.

Bills

Protecting individuals with disabilities in day habilitation programs (Senate, No. 165) (on a petition);

Day programs.

Further regulating fentanyl test strips (Senate, No. 1057) (on a petition); and

Fentanyl.

Relative to affordable car rentals (Senate, No. 2616) (on Senate bill No. 2603);

Automobiles,— rental.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Authorizing the appointment of alternate members to the conservation commission of the town of Swampscott (Senate, No. 23) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Swampscott,— conservation commission.

Authorizing the town of Brookfield to continue the employment of Herbert A. Chaffee, II (Senate, No. 1830) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Brookfield,— Herbert Chaffee.

Authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish fines related to parking violations (Senate, No. 2528) (on a joint petition) [Local Approval Received]; Marblehead,—parking.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marie Letendre, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance. To the committee on Public Service. Marie Letendre,—sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford relative to the operation of golf carts in certain rural communities. To the committee on Transportation. Golf carts.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill further amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 4399) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Middleton,—charter.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Candy J. Pike, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) (House, No. 4514); and Candy Pike,—sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rodrigue (House, No. 4521). Kathleen Rodrigue.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to prevent the imposition of mandatory minimum sentences based on juvenile adjudications (House, No. 1900) [Representative Garry of Dracut dissenting]. Juveniles,—sentences.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1695, a Bill promoting diversion of juveniles to community supervision and services (House, No. 4515) [Representative Garry of Dracut dissenting]. Juveniles,—community supervision.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill encouraging public-private partnerships to create affordable housing at public sites (House, No. 2284). Affordable housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to exclusionary zoning (House, No. 2348). Exclusionary zoning.

Inclusionary zoning.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill incentivizing inclusionary zoning (House, No. 2356).

Billerica,— bike path.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Billerica to transfer control of certain land of the town situated in the town of Billerica for recreational purposes for the purposes of constructing the Yankee Doodle Bike Path (House, No. 4440) [Local Approval Received].

Technical rescue services.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to technical rescue services (House, No. 2565).

Carbon monoxide alarms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring carbon monoxide alarms in all residential, governmental and commercial structures (House, No. 2568).

Housing,— disabled and seniors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding the availability of adaptable housing for people with disabilities and seniors (House, No. 2569).

Homes,— window guards.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a window falls prevention program within the Department of Public Health and mandate window guards in residential homes AKA “Zella Ray’s Law” (House, No. 2616).

Legacy firefighters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to legacy firefighters (House, No. 2683).

Fire safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fire safety (House, No. 2691).

Gateway municipalities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety retention in gateway municipalities (House, No. 2698).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Zoning variances.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to establish commonsense permitting reforms for businesses and landowners (House, No. 2280).

Greenfield,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 4379) [Local Approval Received].

Agawam,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the charter of the city known as the town of Agawam to strike the reference to the board of appeals (House, No. 4380) [Local Approval Received].

Norwood,— moderator.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regarding the term of the town moderator in the town of Norwood (House, No. 4381) [Local Approval Received].

Randolph,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph (House, No. 4400) [Local Approval Received].

Athol,— revolving funds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain special revolving funds in the town of Athol (House, No. 4401) [Local Approval Received].

Carlisle,— administrator.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town administrator of the town of Carlisle (House, No. 4414) [Local Approval Received].

Swampscott,—charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Swampscott establishing a fall annual town meeting (House, No. 4438) [Local Approval Received].

Marlborough,—subdivision roads.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing a simplified procedure for the layout and acceptance of subdivision roads in the city of Marlborough (House, No. 4439) [Local Approval Received].

Nantucket,—charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the charter for the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4441, changed in section 5, in line 18, by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting in place thereof the following: "twenty-five") [Local Approval Received].

Residences,—sprinklers.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to fire protection (House, No. 2644).

Fire chiefs,—qualifications.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill pertaining to public fire safety and professionalism (House, No. 2646).

Window guards.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to enhancing child safety (House, No. 2676).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill to increase the income limit for the senior tax deferral program in the town of Ipswich (see House, No. 3156) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston (House, No. 4031);

Relative to the town of Richmond Free Public Library (House, No. 4154);

Authorizing the city of Watertown to lease property at 124 Watertown street, Watertown (former Parker school) (House, No. 4205);

Amending the charter of the city of Malden (House, No. 4233); and

Updating the linkage exaction program in the city of Medford (House, No. 4252);

Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Lynn,—charter.

The House Bill relative to the charter in the city of Lynn (House, No. 4149), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before section 1 the following 6 sections:

"SECTION 1. Chapter 564 of the acts of 1972 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Chapter 8 of the acts of 1985 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Chapter 207 of the acts of 1988 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Chapter 105 of the acts of 1997 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Chapter 19 of the acts of 2003 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Chapter 223 of the acts of 2022 is hereby repealed.";

In line 1 by striking out the figure: "1" and inserting in place thereof the figure: "7";

In section 1 (as printed), in lines 923 to 934, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

"(c) The administrative code may retain, modify, repeal or replace any provisions of the following special acts relating to the organization of city government: chapter 92 of the acts of 1931 relating to the board of election commissioners; chapter 655 of the acts of 1956 relating to off-street parking; chapter 59 of the acts of 1986 relating to public works; chapter 253 of the acts of 1986 relating to the appointment of health inspectors; chapter 465 of the acts of 1991 relating to the appointment of the animal control officer; chapter 167 of the acts of 1999 relating to the traffic commission; chapter 332 of the acts of 2014 relating to municipal salaries of elected officials; chapter 378 of the acts of 2014 relating to inspectional services; and chapter 203 of the acts of 2024 relating to capital projects. The provisions of a proposed modification, repeal or replacement of any of these special acts shall not become effective until approved by the legislature through a new special act."; and

In lines 948 to 950, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines; and

By striking out section 2 (as printed) and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4149, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 25, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

John "Jack" Linehan.

At the request of Representative Biele of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of John "Jack" Linehan, who passed away on August 13, at the age of 93 after a long and courageous battle with dementia.

Born in South Boston to Irish immigrants during the Great Depression, Jack dropped out of school after the death of his father, Cornelius, to help support his mother, Elizabeth, and his five siblings.

After serving in the United States Army during the Korean War, Jack was transferred to Japan where he met his wife. After an honorable discharge from the Army, they moved back to South Boston where they raised their four children. Upon returning home, Jack worked as a custodian for Boston Public Schools for almost 40 years.

Husband of the late Kyoko (Honda) Linehan and devoted father of Kathy, John, Paul, and Mark, Jack is survived by his grandchildren, Timothy, Melissa, Jessica, Kai, Cade, Amanda, and Stephen, his great grandchildren, Tommy and Erin, and many nieces and nephews.

Order.

State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,— extension of time for reporting.

An Order (filed by Representatives Cabral of New Bedford and Tyler of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4560), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Children's Behavioral Health Council.

Communications

From the Department of Mental Health (see Section 23 of Chapter 19 of the General Laws) relative to the Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Council for calendar year 2024;

From the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for August, 2025; and — Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

From the Department of Public Health (see item 4590-0915 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on the status of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children; and — Pappas hospital.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Quarterly Reports.

A report of the Berkshire District Attorney's Office (under Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 Operating Under the Influence Deterrent Trust Fund (Melanie's Law); and — Melanie's Law.

Quarterly reports

Of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 2 of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) report for the first quarter of calendar year 2025; — Sexual assault collection kits.

Of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 2 of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) report for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024; and — Id.

Of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 2 of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) report for the third quarter of calendar year 2024; — Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Manny Cruz, Hannah Bowen and John Francis Moran for legislation to expand access to the family self-sufficiency program. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. — Family self-sufficiency program.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to police officers and firefighters relative to Chapter 41, Section 111F (House, No. 2940); and — Police officers and firefighters.

Amending the charter of the city known as the town of Agawam to strike the reference to the board of appeals (House, No. 4380) [Local Approval Received]; — Agawam,—charter.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on a petition, a Bill to facilitate labor peace among the cannabis workforce (House, No. 161). — Cannabis,—labor agreements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to supporting sustainability in the cannabis industry (House, No. 165). — Cannabis,—sustainability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 145, a Bill expanding access to legal, regulated cannabis delivery (House, No. 4533). Cannabis,— delivery.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 180, a Bill regularizing accounts receivable in the cannabis industry (House, No. 4534). Cannabis,— receivables.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill establishing the office of Massachusetts main streets (House, No. 304). Massachusetts main streets.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the enforcement of anti-bullying policies in our schools (House, No. 507). Schools,— anti-bullying.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting the use of Native American mascots by public schools in the Commonwealth (House, No. 575) [Representatives Marsi of Charlton and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting]. Schools,— mascots.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve authorizing a study of starting times and schedules (House, No. 585). Schools,— start times.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to school bullying (House, No. 591). Schools,— bullying.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring critical incident drills in schools (House, No. 749). Schools,— incident drills.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relative to on-site sewage disposal systems (House, No. 887). Sewage disposal systems.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to toxic air contaminant reduction (House, No. 959). Air contaminant reduction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill updating the management of the Commonwealth's water resources (House, No. 1018). Water resources.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to protect victims of stalking in violation of harassment prevention orders (House, No. 1750). Stalking victims.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1987, a Bill to establish a DNA exception rule for victims of rape (House, No. 4536). DNA exception rule.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1921, a Bill relative to sexual harassment (House, No. 4537). Sexual harassment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 573, 1634, 1733, 1734 and 1832, a Bill relative to preventing educator sexual misconduct and abuse of children and youth (House, No. 4538). Educators,— sexual abuse.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1580, 1639, 1732, 1830 and 1833, a Bill enhancing remedies for survivors of childhood sexual abuse (House, No. 4539). Childhood sexual abuse.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on a petition, a Bill relative to seeds (House, No. 150). Cannabis seeds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 154 and 190, a Bill to protect children from the use of alcohol and marijuana (House, No. 154). Children,— substance use.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to protect library patron privacy (House, No. 638). Library records,— privacy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to school absences (House, No. 667). Schools,— absences.

New Bedford,— harbor lines.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relocating certain harbor lines in New Bedford Harbor (House, No. 4109).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Relative to the Regional Commissions on the Status of Women (House, No. 2313);

Amending the charter of the town of Millis (House, No. 3911) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Re-authorizing the town of Swansea to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4276); and

Authorizing the city known as the town of West Springfield to grant 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4287);

Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Avon,— clerk.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Avon to appoint a town clerk (House, No. 2270), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4556), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, September 29, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

Hygiene Insecurity Awareness Week.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Peisch of Wellesley and other members of the House) commending Hope and Comfort, Inc. on observing the week of October 5, 2025 as Hygiene Insecurity Awareness Week, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

Environment and Natural Resources,—extension of time for reporting.

Order (filed by Representatives Barber of Somerville and Cataldo of Concord) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 31, 2025 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4567), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Safe drinking water.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 18A(f) of Chapter 21A of the General Laws) submitting the Department of Environmental Protection's Safe Drinking Water Act Assessment Program report for calendar year 2024;

Toxics use reduction.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 4(D) of Chapter 21I of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Program annual report for fiscal year 2023;

Federal Match and Debt Reduction fund.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 2EEEEEE(e) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the activities of and expenditures from the Commonwealth Federal Match and Debt Reduction Fund;

From the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (see Section 5 of Chapter 121D of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025; Housing Finance Agency.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-6152 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund transfer report for fiscal year 2026; State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund.

From the Department of Public Health (see item 5011-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting its Case Management Best Practices Report; Case Management Best Practices.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the September 18, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and Emergency housing.

From the Department of Agricultural Resources (see Section 9 of Chapter 213 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report on the licensing of kennels; Kennel licensing.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Sweezey of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4570) of Kenneth P. Sweezey and Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) that the town of Pembroke be authorized to issue an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Pembroke,—liquor license.

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4571) of Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be authorized to prohibit use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides by commercial pesticide applicators in said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Arlington,—rodenticides.

By Representative Montaño of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4572) of Samantha Montaño (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Doumy Pamera as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and Boston,—Doumy Pamera.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4573) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Sean Duffy to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. Haverhill,—Sean Duffy.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4574) of Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of property in the town of Arlington; Arlington,—real estate transfer fee.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4575) of Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be authorized to further regulate the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town; Arlington,—senior citizen property tax.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4576) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) that Eastham,—real estate transfer fee.

the town of Eastham be authorized to impose a 3% real estate transfer fee in said town; and

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4577) of Hadley Luddy and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Provincetown be authorized to impose a real estate transfer fee. Provincetown,—real estate transfer fee.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shirley B. Arriaga for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Amy Tanguay, an employee of the Trial Court. Amy Tanguay,—sick leave.

By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul K. Frost relative to refundable credits for eligible pass-through entities. Refundable credits.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to free speech protections for private sector employees. Private sector employees,—free speech.

By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for legislation to create HVAC construction supervisor licensing. HVAC licensing.

By Representative Marsi of Charlton and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Marsi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the Department of Correction. David Russell,—sick leave.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry relative to licenses for off premises retail of alcoholic beverages located near other off premises licenses. Alcoholic beverages.

By Representatives Owens of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven Owens (with the approval of the city council) relative to property tax classifications in the city of Watertown for fiscal year 2027 and subsequent fiscal years. Watertown,—property tax classifications.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing the Massachusetts data privacy act (Senate, No. 2619) (on Senate bill No. 2608), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Data privacy.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2617) of Michael O. Moore (with the approval of the city council) to grant the city of Worcester the authority to require the adoption of institutional master plans, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Worcester,—master plans.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relocating certain harbor lines in New Bedford Harbor (House, No. 4109), be scheduled for consideration by the House. New Bedford,—harbor lines.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Westfield,— police officers.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Bill to authorize the city of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (House, No. 3916) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired).

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Acupuncture.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1148, a Bill relative to the practice of acupuncture (House, No. 4548).

Limb loss and difference.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1178, a Bill to improve outcomes for persons with limb loss and limb difference (House, No. 4549).

Infertility care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1190, a Bill relative to modern family building (House, No. 4550).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1191, a Bill improving access to infertility treatment (House, No. 4551).

Insurance,— hair prosthesis.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1223, a Bill to ensure access to scalp and facial hair prostheses for children and adults with alopecia areata (House, No. 4552).

Cancer survivors,— dental care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1258, a Bill requiring coverage of medically necessary oral and dental care for head and neck cancer survivor (sic) (House, No. 4553).

Sickle cell care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1346, a Bill to improve sickle cell care (House, No. 4554).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1347, a Bill to improve sickle cell care (House, No. 4555).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Veteran,— definition.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to a commission to redetermine the definition of disabled veteran in the laws and regulations for the registry of motor vehicles (House, No. 4088). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Cold War license plate.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill creating Cold War veteran license plates (House, No. 3759).

Student transportation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill updating Massachusetts student transportation (House, No. 3772).

Veterans plates,— fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to reduce the fee for motor vehicle veteran registration plates (House, No. 3782).

School bus drivers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill addressing the shortage of school bus drivers (House, No. 3787).

Survivors,— license plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a red shield/blue shield license plate to survivors of firefighters and police officers who have died in the line of duty (House, No. 3815).

Air medal plate.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the air medal license plate (House, No. 3818).

School transportation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to competitive bidding for school transportation (House, No. 3976).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marie Letendre (House, No. 4565). Marie Letendre,— sick leave.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to the enhancement of child safety (House, No. 3808). Ice cream vans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to loading and alighting vehicles from car carriers on public ways (House, No. 3810). Car carriers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing the penalties for passing a stopped school bus (House, No. 3814). School buses.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Starvaski, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4426), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. Paul Starvaski,— sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Expanding the select board of the town of Weston (see House, No. 4158); and Bills enacted.

Exempting certain affordable housing and branch library space in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston from public procurement laws (see House, No. 4532);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Acton to increase the residency limit for members of its police and fire departments (House, No. 4168), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Third reading bill.

The House Bill establishing an annual stipend for the city known as the town of Bridgewater Town Council (House, No. 2268) (its title having been changed by the Bridgewater,— stipends.

committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon acceptance by a majority of the voters in the city known as the town of Bridgewater, but not otherwise.".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 2268, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bridgewater,— town manager.

The House Bill relative to the temporary absence of the Town Manager in the city known as the town of Bridgewater (House, No. 2269) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4569), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Kathleen Rodrigue,— sick leave.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rodrigue, an employee of the office of Chief Medical Examiner (House, No. 4521) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 2; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rodrigue, an employee of the office of the chief medical examiner, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4521, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, October 2, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Clara Fallon.

At the request of Representative Silvia of Fall River, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Clara Fallon, who passed away on September 26, 2025, surrounded by her loving family after a brave battle with cancer.

A lifelong resident of Fall River, Clara dedicated her life to service—first as a licensed practical nurse at Saint Anne's Hospital, and later as legislative aide to State Representative Alan Silvia. In this role, she became a trusted advocate for the community, known for her compassion, fairness, and dedication.

Beyond her professional life, she was active in civic life, serving as vice president of the Fall River Garden Club, a board member of the Friends of the Fall River Public Library, and a member of the Carousel Lions Club. A devout Catholic and parishioner of Good Shepherd Parish, Clara also found strength in her faith. She leaves behind her children, grandchildren, and extended family, who carry forward her legacy of love, service, and devotion.

Guests of the House.

Wellesley High girls tennis team.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced the Wellesley High School girls' tennis team, who won their second consecutive Division 1 State Championship earlier this year, accompanied by their head coach, Rob Miller and assistant coach, Tim Lipsky. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Lobular Breast Cancer.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Badger of Plymouth, Garballey of Arlington and other members of the House) commending Lobular Breast Cancer Alliance Inc. for its recognition of October 15, 2025 as Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day; and

Topsfield.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Kassner of Hamilton and Kerans of Danvers) congratulating the town of Topsfield on the three hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of its incorporation;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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Transmission solutions.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 121(C) of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Advanced Transmission Solutions Report;

Solar canopy group.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 124 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a supplementary report of the Department of Energy Resources 2025 Solar Canopy Working Group;

Alcohol and substance abuse center.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 30 of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its "Report on the Plan to End Operations at the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center (MASCAC)";

Primary Care Task Force.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 80(e) of Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a Massachusetts Health Policy Commission Primary Care Task Force report;

Covid-19 recovery.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-2051 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, as amended by Section 54 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) providing a status update regarding immediate Covid-19 recovery needs for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Home heating oil.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 7 of Chapter 453 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the Department of Environmental Protection's home heating oil release report for calendar year 2024; and

Capital Resource Company.

From the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (see Section 12 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its annual report describing the formation and current status of said company [a copy of said report was forwarded to the Speaker of the House and Senate President, as required by said law];

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Bridgewater,— charter.

By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4578) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) relative to gender neutral language in the charter of the city known as the town of Bridgewater;

Bridgewater,— town manager.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4579) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) relative to the appointment powers of the town manager of the city known as the town of Bridgewater;

Berlin,— select board.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4580) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and Robyn K.

Kennedy (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the select board of the town of Berlin; and

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4581) of James J. O'Day (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Worcester be authorized to require the adoption of institutional master plans in said city. Worcester,— master plans.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Biele of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4582) of David Biele (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that city of Boston be authorized to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighters for Stylianos Katikakis; Boston,— Stylianos Katikakis.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4583) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the harbormaster and assistant harbormasters in the city of Salem; and Salem,— harbormasters.

By Representative Ultrino of Malden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4584) of Steven Ultrino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city of Malden. Malden,— special police.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4585) of Paul K. Frost and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Auburn be authorized to offer expanded senior property tax abatements in said town. To the committee on Revenue. Auburn,— senior property tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill providing for the retirement of Walter L. Guertin, a former member of the fire department in the city of Attleboro (Senate, No. 1859) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Attleboro,— Walter Guertin.

A report from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (under the provisions of Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed changes to 205 CMR 15.00 relative to racing meeting licensing (Senate, No. 2624), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Horse racing,— regulations.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to penalties for law enforcement officers wearing masks or personal disguises while interacting with the public in the performance of their duties. To the committee on the Judiciary. Law enforcement,— masks.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Marsi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service. David Russell,— sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James K. Hawkins, Kelly W. Pease and others for legislation to designate August 10th as Agent Orange awareness day. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Agent Orange day.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James K. Hawkins and Kelly W. Pease relative to establishing an Orange Star license plate for veterans exposed to Agent Orange. To the committee on Transportation.

Orange star license plate.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to school absences (House, No. 667);

School absences.

Further regarding the term of the town moderator in the town of Norwood (House, No. 4381) [Local Approval Received]; and

Norwood,— moderator.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Marie Letendre (House, No. 4565);

Marie Letendre.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired):

Relative to the disability retirement of Casey L'Italien, a police officer in the city known as the town of Randolph (House, No. 3914) [Local Approval Received]; and

Randolph,— Casey L'Italien.

Relative to the retirement of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield (House, No. 3963) [Local Approval Received];

Westfield,— Greg Heath.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill promoting equity in agriculture (House, No. 111, changed);

Agriculture.

Of the Resolve relative to a VFW Parkway master plan special commission (House, No. 3734);

VFW Parkway commission.

Of the Bill relative to greener and healthier transportation corridors (House, No. 3752);

Transportation corridors.

Of the Resolve providing for an investigation by a special commission relative to the strengths and sustainability of the Commonwealth's emergency food network (House, No. 4419);

Emergency food network.

Of the Bill to provide green and healthy public colleges and universities (House, No. 4463); and

Deferred maintenance.

Of the Bill relative to the examination of evidence rooms and evidentiary procedures (House, No. 4464);

Evidence,— study.

And recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Aging disabled adults.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 775, a Bill establishing a commission on aging disabled adults (House, No. 4558).

Long-term services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 792, a Bill establishing a special commission on a statewide long-term services and supports benefit program (House, No. 4559).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Penalties and fees.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 756, a Bill increasing the penalties for unfair and deceptive actions perpetrated against persons with disabilities and senior citizens (House, No. 4557).

Hearing aids,— access.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill to reduce inequities in access to hearing aids (House, No. 367).

Opioid use education.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill requiring opioid use disorder education (House, No. 530).

Epinephrine,— schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 590 and 611, a Bill relative to emergency stock supply of epinephrine in schools (House, No. 590).

Mental health education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the promotion of mental health education (House, No. 598).

Diabetes,— schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for diabetes management in schools (House, No. 652).

Nutrition,— schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 539, a Bill relative to healthy school lunches (House, No. 4562).

Suicide prevention.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 672 and 699, a Bill relative to suicide prevention in schools (House, No. 4563).

Regional planning agencies.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to regional planning agencies (House, No. 2889).

Judges,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to updating judicial retirement benefits (House, No. 2915).

Funeral home vehicles.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to licensed funeral home vehicles (House, No. 3606).

Veteran license plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to vehicle registration plates of veterans (House, No. 3607).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veteran license plates (House, No. 3648).

License plates,— Medal of Fidelity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a Medal of Fidelity license plate (House, No. 3706).

Army veterans,— license plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing distinctive license plates for Army combat veterans (House, No. 3714).

Trucking,— workforce.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to training tomorrow's trucking industry workforce (House, No. 3730).

Unmanned aerial systems.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3749, a Bill relative to unmanned aerial systems (House, No. 4546).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Cohasset,— liquor licenses.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 3894, a Bill authorizing the town of Cohasset

to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4561) [Local Approval Received].

Sunscreen,— schools.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 600 and 619, a Bill relative to youth skin health (House, No. 600).

Oil spills,— cleanup.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to the cleanup of accidental home heating oil spills (House, No. 1194).

Oil releases,— remediation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the remediation of home heating oil releases (House, No. 1302).

Taunton,— Edward Walsh.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to continue the employment of police chief Edward J. Walsh (House, No. 2810) [Local Approval Received].

Veterans,— plate eligibility.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to eligibility for veteran license plates (House, No. 3657).

Veteran plates,— leased vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veterans' specialty license plates on leased vehicles (House, No. 3674).

School bus professionals.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to school bus transportation professionals (House, No. 3715).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill further regulating certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Holyoke (see House, No. 360) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The Senate Bill further regulating the Gloucester Fisheries Commission (Senate, No. 2566), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third reading bills.

Bills

Authorizing reserved capacity billing in the town of Norfolk (House, No. 3899);

Relative to the town resident requirement for the town manager of the town of Dalton (House, No. 4210);

Relative to a cemetery in the town of Norton (House, No. 4348); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Candy J. Pike, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4514) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally having been reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to eliminate the residency requirement for town manager (House, No. 4243) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time. Ipswich,—town manager.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 2.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4243, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Representative Frost of Auburn moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Paul Kollios, a member of the House from Millbury from 1981 to 1996, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at thirteen minutes after eleven A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, October 6, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

Paul Holloway.

At the request of Representative Smola of Warren, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of Paul Holloway who passed away on July 25th. Paul was the embodiment of compassion, dedication, and service. He was a big-hearted firefighter who gave selflessly to others both on and off duty. In addition to his commitment to the Holland Fire Department, Paul served full-time as an educator at Palmer High School, where he inspired countless students with his wisdom, warmth, and unwavering positivity.

Paul's infectious laugh, kind spirit, and genuine friendship touched everyone who knew him. He was more than a firefighter; he was family. His presence will be deeply missed, but his legacy of service and love will live on in all of us.

Our thoughts are with his wife Kristina, his family, friends, colleagues, and the entire community during this difficult time.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

People Incorporated.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Fiola of Fall River, Peisch of Wellesley, Silvia of Fall River, Ouellette of Westport and Thurber of Somerset) congratulating People Incorporated on the grand opening of its New Early Education Center;

Logan Collins.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Logan Collins on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with Scouting America; and

Bellingham Lions Club.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Soter of Bellingham) honoring the Bellingham Lions Club on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the resolutions (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

Public Health,—extension

An Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Friday, November 7, 2025 the time within which

the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4586), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Marsi of Charlton and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4588) of John J. Marsi (with the approval of the town council) for legislation to further regulate the granting of additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city known as the town of Southbridge. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Southridge,— liquor licenses.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4589) of Aaron L. Saunders (by vote of the town) that the town of Ludlow be authorized to pay a certain unpaid bill. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Ludlow,— unpaid bill.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been adopted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus; and it was adopted, in concurrence:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the motion previously adopted during the Joint Session of May 14, 2025 to recess the joint session until Wednesday, October 8, 2025 and notwithstanding any special rules to the contrary, the joint session of the two houses is hereby recessed until Thursday, October 9, 2025 at a half past eleven o'clock A.M. Constitutional convention,— date and time change.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2626) of Robyn K. Kennedy and Meghan K. Kilcoyne (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the select board of the town of Berlin, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Berlin,— select board.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation to adjust the MBTA assessment, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Transportation. MBTA assessments.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2629) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Transportation.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Paul McMurtry relative to licenses for off premises retail of alcoholic Alcoholic beverages.

beverages located near other off premises licenses. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to youth skin health (House, No. 600); — Sunscreen.

Relative to employment protections for victims of abusive behavior (House, No. 2143); — Abusive behavior.

Relative to veterans' specialty license plates on leased vehicles (House, No. 3674); and — Veteran plates.

Providing a simplified procedure for the layout and acceptance of subdivision roads in the city of Marlborough (House, No. 4439) [Local Approval Received]; — Marlborough,— roads.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Bill authorizing Thomas Harmon to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 2998), be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired). — Thomas Harmon,— retirement.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill addressing challenges facing public libraries and digital resource collections (House, No. 3595). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. — Public libraries.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to documentary material or data received by retirement boards (House, No. 2766). — Retirement boards,— data.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2787 and 2871, a Bill relative to certain option B and option C retirees (House, No. 2787). — Retirement,— options.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2834 and 2956, a Bill relative to the veteran allowance for public retirees (House, No. 2834). — Veteran allowance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely retirement payment (House, No. 2990). — Retirement,— payments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a COVID-19 retirement credit study (House, No. 3003). — COVID-19 credit.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to civil asset forfeiture data reporting (House, No. 3297). — Civil asset forfeiture.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating access to public records (House, No. 3301). — Public records,— access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to public access to historical records (House, No. 3335). — Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to online posting of CMRs (House, No. 3364). Regulations,— online posting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to microfilm (House, No. 3377). Registries of Deeds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill elevating the National Guard to a cabinet level position (House, No. 3395). National Guard.

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on House, Nos. 3591, 3594 and 3598, a Bill regarding free expression (House, No. 3594). Schools,— student expression.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Adam T. Jankowski to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4178) [Local Approval Received]. Haverhill,— Adam Jankowski.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to tax abatement for permanently disabled veterans (House, No. 3115). Disabled veterans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for line-of-duty death benefits for firefighters (House, No. 3188). Firefighters,— benefits.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill establishing building trades recovery week (House, No. 3358). Building trades recovery week.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Prohibiting employment discrimination based on legal use of cannabis (House, No. 159); Cannabis,— employment.

Clarifying the role of Governor's Councillor on the ballot (House, No. 805); Councillors.

Relative to absentee voting (House, No. 822); Absentee voting.

Relative to uniformity of ballots in polling places (House, No. 832); Polling places.

Relative to election ballots (House, No. 837); Ballots.

Relative to changing the two-year elected term for the Mayor of Chicopee to a four-year elected term (House, No. 4201) [Local Approval Received]; and Chicopee,— mayor.

Regulating the use of credit reports by employers (House, No. 4450); Credit reports.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills Bills enacted.

Further regulating the Gloucester Fisheries Commission (see Senate, No. 2566) (which originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4273) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to parking enforcement in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4231) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); Third reading bills.

Relative to the charter of the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4232);

Authorizing the town of Palmer to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4282); and

Authorizing the town of Milford to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages into a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 4359);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At fifteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tributes.

Amos Luke Hamburger.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Hogan of Stow and Kushmerek of Fitchburg, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for Bolton Chief of Police, Amos Luke Hamburger, who died unexpectedly on Sunday, October 5.

Over the past two decades, Chief Hamburger served the Bolton community with unwavering dedication, professionalism and integrity. Chief Hamburger had deep roots in the community – he was a Lunenburg resident, who grew up in nearby Lancaster and graduated from Nashoba Regional High School in Bolton and the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

He served in the Army National Guard and attended the reserve police academy before joining the Bolton Police Department in 2005 – where he worked for 19 years and was named Chief in early 2024. As a leader, he combined warmth with strength and his commitment to community policing and public safety made our town a better place.

We are grateful for Chief Hamburger's dedication and service to the town of Bolton, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to the United States of America. His loss will be felt deeply by all who cared for him, including his wife Ruth, their son Ethan and Chief Hamburger's family of fellow police officers.

Senator Edward J. Kennedy, Jr.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Howard of Lowell, Elliott of Lowell, Hong of Lowell, Garry of Dracut and Scarsdale of Pepperell, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence in memory of Senator Edward J. Kennedy, Jr.

Senator Kennedy of Lowell, 74, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Senator Kennedy was the eldest of the late Edward James Kennedy, Sr. and Kathleen (Kay) (Heslin) Kennedy and was born and raised in Lowell, graduating from Lowell High School before earning a bachelor's degree in history from Boston University and a master's degree in public administration from Fitchburg State University.

Senator Kennedy was a lifelong Lowell resident who dedicated himself to public service, holding the offices of State Senator for the First Middlesex District, Mayor of Lowell, Lowell City Councilor, County Commissioner for Middlesex County.

Senator Kennedy is survived by his wife Susan, two children and their spouses, three beloved grandchildren, two brothers, and his sister and brother-in laws, as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and a close group of cousins.

Statement of Representative Decker of Cambridge.

A statement of Ms. Decker of Cambridge was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Decker of Cambridge.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 74 to 88, inclusive. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Field of Taunton.

A statement of Ms. Field of Taunton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Field of Taunton.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled family and religious commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 74 to 88, inclusive. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Walsh of Peabody.

A statement of Mr. Walsh of Peabody was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

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Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representative Muradian of Grafton had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Guests of the House.

Mary LaClair.

During the session, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) declared a brief recess, turned the gavel over to Representative Diggs of Barnstable. Mr. Diggs then recognized Mary LaClair who was in the Chamber to celebrate the legacy of Mercy Otis Warren. Mercy Otis Warren was a celebrated poet, playwright and author who helped to write the Bill of Rights. Mary is a former Barnstable County Treasurer and Commissioner. She was the guest of Representative Diggs of Barnstable.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield and Hawkins of Attleboro) relative to extending until Friday, November 14, 2025 the time within which the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4592).

Order (filed by Representatives Lawn of Watertown and Kilcoyne of Clinton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4594).

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Friday, November 7, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4593).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Jeanne McCarron,— sick leave.

By Representatives Consalvo of Boston and Turco of Winthrop, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rob Consalvo for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jeanne McCarron, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Dalton,— water commissioners.

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Leigh Davis relative to the board of water commissioners of the Dalton fire district.

Zero-emission vehicles,— taxes.

By Representatives Sangiolo of Newton and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Amy Mah Sangiolo relative to taxes for zero-emission vehicles.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bolton,— liquor licenses.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2628) of Robyn K. Kennedy and Kate Hogan (by vote of the town) to provide for alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Bolton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Cosmetology,— licensees.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2636) of Ryan C. Fattman, Bruce E. Tarr, Kelly W. Pease, Manny Cruz and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish compact agreements between certain states allowing cosmetology licensees to move freely between member states. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2637) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to increase first assistant clerks in Berkshire County. To the committee on the Judiciary. Berkshire County,— court clerks.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2638) of Thomas Button for legislation relative to retirement pension notarizations. To the committee on Public Service. Pension notarizations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2639) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to authorize automated curb enforcement and improving parking violation procedures. To the committee on Transportation. Parking violations.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Sean Garballey relative to Medicaid coverage for autism treatment and assistive technologies. To the committee on Health Care Financing. Medicaid,— Autism treatment.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate October 15th as lobular breast cancer awareness day. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Lobular breast cancer day.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to ensure access to medical parole (House, No. 2604). Medical parole.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote rehabilitation including guaranteed health, treatment, and safety for incarcerated LGBTQI+ People (House, No. 2656). Incarcerated LGBTQI+ people.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide reproductive health care to incarcerated individuals (House, No. 2658). Incarcerated,— reproduction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to health education in women's correctional institutions (House, No. 2705). Incarcerated,— health education.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill concerning the Massachusetts probation service (House, No. 2583). Probation service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2606 and 4123, a Bill to save lives by distributing Narcan to individuals at risk for an opioid overdose (House, No. 2606). Narcan,— distribution.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to successful transition and re-entry to tomorrow for incarcerated persons (House, No. 2609). Incarcerated persons,— re-entry.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure pay parity for county sheriffs' correction officers and jail officers (House, No. 2627). Sheriffs,— pay parity.

DNA.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to lawfully owed DNA (House, No. 2632).

Fire safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill implementing the recommendations of the Walsh-Kennedy Commission Report (House, No. 2692).

Pregnant incarcerated women.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure compliance with the anti-shackling law for pregnant incarcerated women (House, No. 2703).

Incarcerated,—post-partum.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the postpartum treatment of women in correctional facilities (House, No. 2704).

Fresh start program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a fresh start (House, No. 2722).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Bills enacted.

Establishing the position of appointed treasurer-collector in the town of Berkley (see House, No. 2320); and

Further regulating stabilization funds in the town of Leicester (see House, No. 4136);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

Recess.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and two minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

General Appropriation Bill, reductions and disapprovals.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor (for message, see House, No. 4250), returning with her disapproval of parts of certain items contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (see House, No. 4240), reported, in part, that parts of certain items stand (as passed by the General Court). Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported, in each instance, that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the matters were considered forthwith, as follows:

Item 0330-0300 (contained in section 2) (administrative staff), which had been reduced by the Governor, then was considered.

The Governor had reduced said item from $360,075,000 to $350,736,748.

After remarks on the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 132 members voted in the affirmative and 23 in the negative.

Administrative staff item 0330-0300 stands,— yea and nay No. 74.

[See Yea and Nay No. 74 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 0330-0300 passed, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 1231-1000 (contained in Section 2) (sewer rate relief), which had been vetoed by the Governor, then was considered.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 143 members voted in the affirmative and 11 in the negative.

Sewer rate relief item 1231-1000 stands,— yea and nay No. 75.

[See Yea and Nay No. 75 in Supplement.]

[Ms. Whipps of Athol answered "Present" in response to her name.]

Therefore item 1231-1000 passed, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 2810-0100 (contained in section 2) (state parks and recreation), which had been reduced by the Governor, then was considered.

The Governor had reduced said item from $113,820,049 to $113,420,049.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 151 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

State parks and recreation item 2810-0100 stands,— yea and nay No. 76.

[See Yea and Nay No. 76 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 2810-0100 passed, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 4000-0051 (contained in Section 2) (family resource centers), which had been vetoed by the Governor, then was considered.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 133 members voted in the affirmative and 22 in the negative.

Family resource centers item 4000-0051 stands,— yea and nay No. 77.

[See Yea and Nay No. 77 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 4000-0051 passed, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 4000-0641 (contained in section 2) (nursing facility rate), which had been reduced by the Governor, then was considered.

The Governor had stricken certain wording and reduced said item from $650,073,456 to $625,073,456.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter

Nursing

I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

facility rate item 4000-0641 stands,— yea and nay No. 78.

[See Yea and Nay No. 78 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 4000-0641 passed, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 4110-1000 (contained in section 2) (community services for the blind), which had been reduced by the Governor, then was considered.

The Governor had stricken certain wording and reduced said item from $9,164,721 to $8,864,721.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Community services for the blind item 4110-1000 stands,— yea and nay No. 79.

[See Yea and Nay No. 79 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 4110-1000 passed, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 4512-0200 (contained in section 2) (bureau of substance addiction services), which had been reduced by the Governor, then was considered.

The Governor had stricken certain wording and reduced said item from $187,177,798 to $184,677,798.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 147 members voted in the affirmative and 8 in the negative.

Bureau of substance addiction services item 4512-0200 stands,— yea and nay No. 80.

[See Yea and Nay No. 80 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 4512-0200 passed, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 4513-1020 (contained in section 2) (early intervention services), which had been reduced by the Governor, then was considered.

The Governor had reduced said item from $39,250,384 to $37,719,649.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 139 members voted in the affirmative and 16 in the negative.

Early intervention services item 4513-1020 stands,— yea and nay No. 81.

[See Yea and Nay No. 81 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 4513-1020 passed, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 7002-1091 (contained in section 2) (career technical institutes), which had been reduced by the Governor, then was considered.

The Governor had reduced said item from $9,235,600 to $8,985,600.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter

Career technical institutes

I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 142 members voted in the affirmative and 13 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 82 in Supplement.]

item 7002-1091 stands,— yea and nay No. 82.

Therefore item 7002-1091 passed, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 7003-0606 (contained in section 2) (Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership), which had been vetoed by the Governor, then was considered.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 141 members voted in the affirmative and 14 in the negative.

Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership item 7003-0606 stands,— yea and nay No. 83.

[See Yea and Nay No. 83 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 7003-0606 passed, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 7004-0109 (contained in section 2) (shelter workforce assistance), which had been reduced by the Governor, then was considered.

The Governor had reduced said item from $10,000,000 to $5,000,000.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 131 members voted in the affirmative and 24 in the negative.

Shelter workforce assistance item 7004-0109 stands,— yea and nay No. 84.

[See Yea and Nay No. 84 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 7004-0109 passed, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 7004-3036 (contained in section 2) (housing services and counseling), which had been reduced by the Governor, then was considered.

The Governor had reduced said item from $5,850,000 to $5,350,000.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 131 members voted in the affirmative and 24 in the negative.

Housing services and counseling item 7004-3036 stands,— yea and nay No. 85.

[See Yea and Nay No. 85 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 7004-3036 passed, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 7007-0150 (contained in Section 2) (regional economic development grants), which had been vetoed by the Governor, then was considered.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

Regional economic development grants item 7007-0150 stands,— yea and nay No. 86.

[See Yea and Nay No. 86 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 7007-0150 passed, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 7061-9010 (contained in section 2) (charter school reimbursement), which had been reduced by the Governor, then was considered.

The Governor had reduced said item from $198,988,065 to $179,089,258.

Charter school reimbursement item 7061-9010 stands,— yea and nay No. 87.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 87 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 7061-9010 passed, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Item 7077-0023 (contained in section 2) (Tufts Veterinary School), which had been reduced by the Governor, then was considered.

The Governor had reduced said item from $6,200,000 to $5,500,000.

Tufts Veterinary School item 7077-0023 stands,— yea and nay No. 88.

On the question on passing said item, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution; and on the roll call 148 members voted in the affirmative and 7 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 88 in Supplement.]

Therefore item 7077-0023 passed, notwithstanding the reductions of the Governor (more than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative). Sent to the Senate for its action.

Orders of the Day.

Vital statistics.

The engrossed Bill relative to vital statistics (see House, No. 4249) (being a printed copy of Section 29 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 (see House, No. 4240), which had been returned by Her Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message see Attachment C of House, No. 4250), was considered.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the amendment recommended by the Governor be considered in the following form:

By striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Chapter 46 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 1, as amended by section 1 of chapter 166 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 1. Each local clerk shall obtain and record the following facts set forth in this section, as well as such additional information that may be required under federal statutes or contracts, regulations promulgated pursuant to section 4 of chapter 17 or as the commissioner of public health may require, relative to births, marriages, acknowledgments and adjudications of parentage and deaths which occurred in the town or city and for certificates of marriage issued by the town or city:

In the record of births, name, date of birth, place of birth and sex of child; legal names, dates of birth, residences, places of birth and surname at birth or adoption of the parent or parents;

In the record of birth of a child born to parents not married to each other, the name of and other facts relating to the other parent or parents shall not be recorded except as provided in section 2 of chapter 209C where parentage has been

acknowledged or adjudicated under the laws of the commonwealth or under the laws of any other jurisdiction;

In the record of marriages, date of record, date and place of marriage, name, residence and official station of the person by whom solemnized; for each of the parties to be married the name, date and place of birth, residence, age, number of the marriage and if previously married, whether widowed or divorced and the name at birth or adoption of the parties' parents;

In the record of death, date of death, name of deceased, including surname at birth or adoption, social security number, gender, race, marital status, education, name of spouse if ever married, supposed age, residence, occupation, place of death, place of birth, surname at birth or adoption and places of birth of the deceased's parent or parents, disease or cause of death, defined so that it can be classified under the international classification of causes of death, and place and type of immediate disposition. As used in this section, the word 'residence' shall include the name of the street and number, if any, of the house. For purposes of this section, the social security number in a record of death shall not be made available except upon request from a person with a legitimate need, as defined in regulations promulgated pursuant to section 4 of chapter 17.

SECTION 2. The last sentence of section 1 of chapter 46 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1, shall take effect on July 1, 2026."; and the report was accepted.

The amendment recommended by the Governor then was adopted. Sent to the Senate for its action.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

House bills

Second reading bills.

Prohibiting employment discrimination based on legal use of cannabis (House, No. 159);

Clarifying the role of Governor's Councillor on the ballot (House, No. 805);

Relative to absentee voting (House, No. 822);

Relative to uniformity of ballots in polling places (House, No. 832);

Relative to election ballots (House, No. 837);

Relative to changing the two-year elected term for the Mayor of Chicopee to a four-year elected term (House, No. 4201); and

Regulating the use of credit reports by employers (House, No. 4450);

Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Order.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Representatives Howard of Lowell, Elliot of Lowell and Hong of Lowell moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Edward J. Kennedy, Jr., a county commissioner for Middlesex County, a city councilor for the

city of Lowell, and mayor of Lowell in 2016, 2017, and 2018, and a member of the Senate from Lowell from 2018 to 2025, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, without further consideration of the remaining matters in the Orders of the Day, at nine minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, October 9, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

AADC day.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Jones of North Reading) commending the AADC Family Network in acknowledging October 23, 2025 as AADC Deficiency Awareness Day in Massachusetts, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouelette of Westport, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

Community Development and Small Businesses,— extension of time for reporting.

An Order (filed by Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Hong of Lowell) relative to extending until Sunday, November 23, 2025 the time within which the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4595) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

Residences,— windows.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to promote energy conservation in residential buildings through the installation of energy-conserving windows, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Housing.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2644) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Housing.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to the cleanup of accidental home heating oil spills (House, No. 1194); Oil spills.

To establish commonsense permitting reforms for businesses and landowners (House, No. 2280); Zoning,— variances.

Relative to fire protection (House, No. 2644); and Sprinklers.

Pertaining to public fire safety and professionalism (House, No. 2646); Qualifications.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Ouelette of Westport, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill relative to primary insurance (House, No. 1301), be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired). Primary Insurance.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Ouelette of Westport, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 3384 and 3393, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to state agency language access and inclusion and removing certain accessibility restrictions on public records (House, No. 4564). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,— study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill prioritizing patient access to care (House, No. 2370) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Existing pregnancies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to provider choice (House, No. 2384). Vaccine advisory council.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive surgery (House, No. 2421). Breast reconstructive surgery.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to create equitable approaches to public health (House, No. 2529) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Public health grant program.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill establishing a coastal waters wastewater financing commission (House, No. 1000). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Commission,— wastewater.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill promoting microbusiness and small business assistance transparency (House, No. 312) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Small business assistance transparency.

Small business loans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill empowering disadvantaged state contractors" [sic] provides up-front down payments and bridge loans to socially or economically disadvantaged microbusinesses and small businesses that secure state contracts through CDFIs and non-traditional lenders (House, No. 315) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Outdoor recreation.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill establishing an office of outdoor recreation (House, No. 902).

State climatologist.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Office of the State Climatologist (House, No. 961).

Department of Fish and Game.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Department of Fish and Game (House, No. 986).

Merrimack River Collaborative.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1053, a Bill to create a Merrimack River Collaborative (House, No. 4591).

Autopsy reports.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to autopsy reports by the medical examiner (House, No. 2392).

Consumer advisory board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the human service transportation (HST) consumer advisory board (House, No. 2403).

Indoor air quality.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2427, a Bill to improve indoor air quality for highly-impacted communities (House, No. 4590) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Great Barrington Fire District.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Great Barrington Fire District (House, No. 924).

Inland Fisheries and Game Fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a technical change to the George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund (House, No. 1064).

Invasive procedures.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to defining invasive surgical procedures (House, No. 1362).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Providing for recall elections in the town of Berlin (House, No. 3896);

Exempting the position of assistant fire chief in the town of Natick from the civil service law (House, No. 3901);

Authorizing the town of Lancaster to dissolve its animal control commission (House, No. 4212); and

Relative to the Williamstown Library Trustees (House, No. 4347);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Agawam,—charter.

The House Bill amending the charter of the city known as the town of Agawam to strike the reference to the board of appeals (House, No. 4380), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 2, in line 8, by striking out the following: "2025 regular election" and inserting in place thereof the following: "next regular or special election following the 2025 regular election"; and

By adding the following section:

"SECTION 4. Sections 2 and 3 shall take effect upon passage of this act.".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4380, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until twenty-five minutes after eleven o'clock; and at twenty-nine minutes after eleven o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Joint Session of the Two Houses to Consider Specific Amendments to the Constitution.

Joint session of the two branches.

Pursuant to assignment, at a half past eleven o'clock A.M., the two branches met in

JOINT SESSION

and were called to order by the Honorable William N. Brownsberger, having been appointed by the President, to perform the duties of the Chair.

Pledge of allegiance.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Without action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, at twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the Joint Session was recessed until Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at twelve o'clock noon; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

Indian Americans of Lexington.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Ciccolo of Lexington and Gordon of Bedford) congratulating the Indian Americans of Lexington on the occasion of its thirtieth anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

Labor and Workforce Development,— extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4600), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Public Safety and Homeland Security,— extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives Cahill of Lynn and Worrell of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, October 22, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security is authorized to report on a current House document, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4598), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Monson,— select board.

By Representatives Ashe of Longmeadow and Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4602) of Brian M. Ashe (by vote of the town) that

the town of Monson be authorized to increase the membership of the select board of said town; and

Revere,— noise ordinance.

By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4603) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Lydia Edwards (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Revere be authorized to establish penalties and liens for noise ordinance violations.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,— Luisa Fernandes.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4604) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Luisa Fernandes as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Millis,— senior tax exemption.

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4605) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Millis be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for school building construction projects. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Student athletes,— electro-cardiogram screenings.

Representative Walsh of Peabody and Senator Lovely presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas P. Walsh and Sally P. Kerans for legislation to authorize electrocardiogram screenings prior to participation in interscholastic athletic competitions; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Tariffs.

Representative Domb of Amherst presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mindy Domb relative to the disclosure of consumer information related to tariffs; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Somerset,— water fluoridation.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2627) of Michael J. Rodrigues and Justin Thurber (by vote of the town) for legislation to allow the town of Somerset to prohibit water fluoridation. To the committee on Public Health.

Barnstable,— emergency vehicles.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2635) of Julian Cyr and Kip A. Diggs (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the city known as the town of Barnstable to use red lights on certain emergency response vehicles. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Host community agreements.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Russell Bogartz for legislation relative to host community agreements, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Cannabis Policy.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2649) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Cannabis Policy.

Reports of Committees.

Oil releases,—remediation.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the remediation of home heating oil releases (House, No. 1302), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired):

Auto insurance,—penalties.

Eliminate penalty charges when canceling auto insurance [sic] (House, No. 1269);

Longmeadow,—charter.

Relative to charter changes for the town of Longmeadow (House, No. 4312) [Local Approval Received];

North Brookfield,—digital notices.

Allowing "print-free" digital legal notices for the town of North Brookfield (House, No. 4313) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hingham,—property.

To allow the town of Hingham to use municipal property as the location for a center for active living (House, No. 4314) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Supplemental appropriations.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4429, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4601) [Total Appropriation: $2,256,596,732.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Bonding terms.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4413), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Digital equity.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill creating the Massachusetts digital equity broadband adoption program (House, No. 92) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Broadband access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing free broadband internet access in public housing (House, No. 101) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Digital navigators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 100, a Bill establishing a commission to study a statewide credentialing program for digital navigators (House, No. 4596) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Charlemont and Rowe,—fire district.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a regional fire district and department for the towns of Charlemont and Rowe (House, No. 4482).

Nantucket,—land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket conservation commission to convey a certain parcel of land situated in the town for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket under the care, custody, management and control of the select board and the town of Nantucket to convey certain land in the town of Nantucket held for open space, passive recreation or conservation purposes to the Nantucket islands land bank for the purposes pursuant to its legislation and/or to the Sconset Trust, Inc. For open space, conservation and passive recreation purposes (House, No. 4523) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Plymouth,—charter.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill amending the town charter of the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4501, changed in section 4, in line 402, by striking out the words "Town Hundred Fifty" and inserting in place thereof the words "two hundred fifty"; and in line 463, by striking out the word "town" and inserting in place thereof the word "two") [Local Approval Received].

Arlington,—town manager.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington (House, No. 4502) [Local Approval Received].

Hudson,—charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Hudson (House, No. 4503) [Local Approval Received].

Nantucket,—charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill making the charter of the county on Nantucket gender neutral (House, No. 4504) [Local Approval Received].

Nantucket,—land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the county of Nantucket to convey School Street situated in the town and county of Nantucket for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4505) [Local Approval Received].

Plymouth,—legal notices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to digital legal notices for the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4510) [Local Approval Received].

Williamsburg,—select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Williamsburg to select board (House, No. 4524) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Underinsurance.

To relative to an underinsurance issue [sic] (House, No. 1109);

Automobile appraisers.

Providing for temporary emergency licensing of appraisers of motor vehicle damage covered by auto insurance policies (House, No. 1231);

Criminal complaints.

Relative to authorizing electronic signatures for criminal complaints (House, No. 1690);

Relative to public hearings of the Group Insurance Commission (House, No. 2782); Group Insurance Commission.

Relative to maintenance of physical examinations records for public safety personnel (House, No. 2860); Public safety,— physicals.

Promoting safety in the use of off-highway vehicles (House, No. 3639); Off-highway.

Authorizing the Dalton Fire District to continue the employment of interim fire chief Christopher Francis Cachat (House, No. 4321); and Dalton,— employment.

Regarding probation violations (House, No. 4469); Probation.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill dedicating certain park and field space in the South Boston section of the city of Boston (House, No. 899), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time. Boston,— land.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in line 6 by striking out the words "a suitable marker" and inserting in place thereof the words "suitable markers".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 899, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Walsh of Peabody.

A statement of Mr. Walsh of Peabody was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Walsh of Peabody.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled medical appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 89 to 92, inclusive. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barrett of North Adams, Ferrante of Gloucester, Smola of Warren, and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Resolutions.

Solomon Northup Committee.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Montaño of Boston and Michlewitz of Boston) honoring the Solomon Northup Committee for Commemorative Works upon the arrival of the sculpture of Solomon Northup to Boston, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

Revenue,—extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Linsky of Natick) relative to extending until Thursday, December 18, 2025 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4606) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Essex District Attorney's Office (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 law enforcement trust funds for drug rehabilitation, drug education and neighborhood crime watch programs;

Essex District Attorney,— drugs and crime.

From the Hampden District Attorney's Office (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 law enforcement trust funds for drug rehabilitation, drug education and neighborhood crime watch programs;

Hampden District Attorney,— drugs and crime.

From the Middlesex (Northern) District Attorney's Office (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 law enforcement trust funds for drug rehabilitation, drug education and neighborhood crime watch programs; and

Middlesex District Attorney,— drugs and crime.

From the Norfolk District Attorney's Office (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 law enforcement trust funds for drug rehabilitation, drug education and neighborhood crime watch programs;

Norfolk District Attorney,— drugs and crime.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Executive Office of Veterans Services (under Section 41 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its Veterans Homes Council annual report for fiscal year 2025, was placed on file.

Veterans Homes Council.

Petitions.

Representatives Reyes of Lawrence and Moran of Lawrence presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4614) of Estela A. Reyes and Frank A. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Lawrence be authorized to transfer a certain parcel of park land at the James J. O'Neil Park in said city; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Lawrence,— land.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Arciero of Westford and Cataldo of Concord, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James Arciero that a certain bridge on Gorham Street in the town of Chelmsford be designated as the Ferreira brothers bridge.

Chelmsford,— Ferreira brothers bridge.

By Representative Markey of Dartmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher M. Markey and Steven George Xiarhos for legislation to establish penalties for reckless or negligent operation of a vehicle and hindering the movement of other vehicles.

Vehicles,— reckless operation.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher M. Markey for legislation to establish a cost-of-living adjustment for disabled veteran annuities. Veteran annuities.

By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven George Xiarhos and others relative to penalties for assault and battery on a police officer. Police assault,— penalties.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven George Xiarhos and others for legislation to establish penalties for racing on public ways and unlawful motor vehicle competitions. Vehicle racing,— penalties.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to continue the employment of Edward J. Walsh as chief of police in the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 2643) (on Senate bill No. 1825) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Taunton,— Edward Walsh.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2648) of Robyn K. Kennedy and Meghan K. Kilcoyne (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the select board of the town of Boylston, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Boylston,— select board.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Yacinthe, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service. Jeffrey Yacinthe,— sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2651) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Rob Consalvo for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jeanne McCarron, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Jeanne McCarron,— sick leave.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to a maltreatment coding system (House, No. 273). Foster care,— maltreatment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 235, 236, 246, 249, 258, 259, 265 and 266, a Bill establishing a bill of rights for children in foster care (House, No. 4599). Foster care,— rights.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill strengthening the post-election audit process (House, No. 876). Election audits.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to the office of district councilor in the city of Boston (House, No. 4090) [Local Approval Received]. Boston,— councilor.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the office of ward 7 councilor in the city of Marlborough (House, No. 4170) [Local Approval Received]. Marlborough,— councilor.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to any vacancy among town meeting members in Milford (House, No. 4171) [Local Approval Received]. Milford,— vacancies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 4203) [Local Approval Received]. Haverhill,— elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 4204) [Local Approval Received]. Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill validating the New Salem annual town election (House, No. 4224) [Local Approval Received]. New Salem,— election.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ana C. Contreras, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 1596, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. Ana Contreras,— sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill re-authorizing the town of Swansea to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4276) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Recess.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at six minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair. Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Bonding terms.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4413), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At six minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at a half past two o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Supplemental appropriations.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4601) [Total Appropriation: $2,256,596,732.00], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Lawn of Watertown and other members of the House moved to amend it by inserting after section 14 the following 3 sections:

"SECTION 14A. Section 2AAAAA of chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

There shall be credited to the fund: (i) any transfers from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E; (ii) any revenue from appropriations or other money authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (iii) an amount equal to any federal financial participation revenues claimed and received by the commonwealth for eligible expenditures made from the fund; and (iv) interest earned on any money in the fund. Money from the fund shall be expended for payments to providers that qualify under an approved federal waiver and in accordance with said waiver. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to further appropriation. At the end of each fiscal year,

the secretary of health and human services shall determine, in the secretary's sole discretion, the amount of any money in the fund that is in excess of the money needed to make payments from the fund in accordance with said waiver; provided, however, that the money needed to make such payments shall include any money needed to make any payments that are unearned as of the end of such year, but potentially earned in a subsequent year. Subject to the terms of said waiver, (A) for periods applicable to the waiver beginning on or after January 1, 2025, the secretary of health and human services shall transfer to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in said section 66 of said chapter 118E the state share of any such excess money, excluding any federal funds; and (B) for periods applicable to the waiver through December 31, 2024, the secretary of health and human services shall transfer to said Health Safety Net Trust Fund the state share of any such excess money, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is $62,500,000 and the denominator of which is the total amount transferred to or deposited in the fund for such fund year, excluding federal funds. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of revenue and related expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most recent revenue estimates as certified by the secretary of health and human services to be transferred, credited or deposited under this section.

SECTION 14B. Section 2TTTTT of said chapter 29, as amended by section 51 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (c) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(c)(1) The secretary shall expend money in the fund, including all amounts credited to the fund, for payments to qualifying acute hospital providers under contract with the executive office of health and human services or under subcontracts with care organizations that contract with the executive office in connection with the MassHealth program as provided in this subsection.

(2) The secretary shall annually expend amounts from the fund averaging, for the 2-year period from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027, inclusive, not less than $2,264,500,000 per year; provided, however, that all such payments shall fall into 1 of the following categories: (i) health equity incentive payments; (ii) clinical quality incentive payments; (iii) other incentive payments; (iv) rate payments for services provided to MassHealth members; (v) targeted payments to: (A) freestanding pediatric acute hospitals; (B) nonprofit teaching acute hospitals that provide medical, surgical, emergency and obstetrical services and are affiliated with a state-owned medical school; (C) freestanding cancer hospitals; (D) the acute hospital that had the lowest statewide commercial relative price in fiscal year 2019, as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (E) the independent group 1 safety net hospital that had the largest percentile of operating loss in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (F) the acute hospital that had the highest statewide public payer mix in fiscal year 2023, as determined by the secretary; (G) the acute hospital affiliated with a health system with 2 or more critical access hospitals operating in the commonwealth in calendar year 2025, as determined by the secretary; or (H) to any non-state-owned public hospital in the commonwealth, as determined by the secretary. The secretary may determine funding allocations among and within each such category within a given year; provided, however, that such allocations shall be consistent with all approved federal waivers and state plan provisions; and provided further, that the secretary shall allocate an average of not less than $1,280,000,000 per year, for the 2-year period from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027, for the rate payments described in clause (iv), with an average

of not less than $92,000,000 allocated for group 1 safety net hospitals for such 2-year period, an average of not less than $460,000,000 allocated for group 2 safety net hospitals for such 2-year period and an average of not less than $728,000,000 allocated across all acute hospitals for such 2-year period.

(3) Of the targeted payments described in clause (v) of the first sentence of paragraph (2), the secretary shall expend annually from the fund: (i) $70,000,000 to freestanding pediatric acute hospitals, of which at least 98 per cent shall be paid to the freestanding pediatric hospital that had the largest volume of inpatient discharges in fiscal year 2019; (ii) $35,000,000 to nonprofit teaching acute hospitals that provide medical, surgical, emergency and obstetrical services and are affiliated with a state-owned medical school; (iii) $14,000,000 to the acute hospital that had the lowest statewide commercial relative price in fiscal year 2019 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (iv) $6,000,000 to freestanding cancer hospitals; (v) $10,000,000 to the independent group 1 safety net hospital that had the largest operating percentile loss in fiscal year 2022, as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (vi) $6,000,000 to the acute hospital that had the highest statewide public payer mix in fiscal year 2023, as determined by the secretary; (vii) $6,000,000 to the acute hospital affiliated with a health system with 2 or more critical access hospitals operating in the commonwealth in calendar year 2025, as determined by the secretary; and (viii) $2,000,000 to any non-state-owned public hospital in the commonwealth, as determined by the secretary.

(4) Of the incentive payments described in clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph (2), the secretary shall make interim payments to qualifying hospitals based on the secretary's estimate of each such hospital's final payment for the measurement period. As soon as practicable after the close of the measurement period, the secretary shall determine the final amount of each qualifying hospital's incentive payments and shall reconcile each hospital's interim payment with its final payment.

(5) If, in any fiscal year, the commonwealth fails to secure federal financial participation necessary to make expenditures described in this section, the total hospital assessment amount described in section 67 of chapter 118E is insufficient to support the distributions to the fund required to be made from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E or such distributions are otherwise not made due to limitations on federal matching, applicable payment ceilings or other restrictions under state or federal law, then the expenditures otherwise required to be made from the fund shall be reduced proportionally based on the total amount available for expenditure.

SECTION 14C. Subsection (c) of section 2UUUUU of said chapter 29, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:

(3) If, in any fiscal year, the commonwealth fails to secure federal financial participation necessary to make expenditures described in this section, the total hospital assessment amount described in section 67 of chapter 118E is insufficient to support the distributions to the fund required to be made from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E, or such distributions are otherwise not made due to limitations on federal matching, applicable payment ceilings or other restrictions under state or federal law, then the expenditures otherwise required to be made from the fund shall be reduced proportionally based on the total amount available for expenditure.";

By inserting after section 23 the following section:

"SECTION 23A. Section 64 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of 'Assessed charges' and inserting in place thereof the following definition:

'Assessed charges', gross patient service revenue attributable to all patients less gross patient service revenue attributable to Title XVIII, XIX and XXI programs, as such revenues are reported to the center for health information and analysis and as determined by the secretary.";

In SECTION 24, in lines 458 and 459, by striking out the following: "Section 64 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended" and inserting in place thereof the following: "Said section 64 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended";

By inserting after section 25 the following section:

"SECTION 25A. Said section 64 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the figure '$1,484,050,000' and inserting in place thereof the following figures:— $1,534,050,000.";

By inserting after section 27 the following 3 sections:

"SECTION 27A. Said section 66 of said chapter 118E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following 2 subsections:

(b) The fund shall consist of: (i) all amounts paid by hospitals and managed care organizations under sections 67 and 68; (ii) all appropriations for the purpose of payments to acute hospitals or community health centers for health services provided to uninsured and underinsured residents; (iii) any transfers from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established in section 2OOO of chapter 29; (iv) any transfers from the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29; (v) any transfers from the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29; (vi) any transfers from the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of chapter 29; and (vii) all property and securities acquired by and through the use of money belonging to the fund and all interest thereon. There shall also be credited to the fund an amount equal to any federal financial participation claimed and received by the commonwealth for eligible expenditures made from the fund and financed by money transferred from the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29, the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of chapter 29 or from the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29. To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of such revenue and related expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most recent revenue estimates as certified by the secretary of health and human services to be transferred, credited or deposited under this subsection. Annually, the office shall transfer from the non-federal money in the fund: (A) $149,300,000 to the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29; (B) $1,041,170,000 to the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29; (C) $115,500,000 to the Population Health Investment Trust Fund established in section 2UUUUU of chapter 29; (D) $ 33,169,685 to the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund established in section 2WWWW of chapter 29; (E) an amount equal to the managed care organization reinvestment revenue amount to the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of chapter 29; (F) an amount equal to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project revenue amount to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund established in section

2EEEEEE of chapter 29; (G) an amount equal to the health policy commission revenue amount to the Healthcare Payment Reform Fund established in section 7 of chapter 6D; (H) an amount equal to the immunization revenue amount to the Vaccine Purchase Fund established in section 24N of chapter 111; (I) $33,700,000 to the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund established in section 2WWWWW of chapter 29; (J) an amount equal to the center for health information and analysis revenue amount to the Center for Health Information and Analysis Fund established in section 7A of chapter 12C; and (K) $35,000,000 to the Essential Community Provider Trust Fund established in section 2PPP of chapter 29. The office shall expend amounts in the fund, except for amounts transferred to the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund, the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund, the Population Health Investment Trust Fund, the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund, the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund, the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund, the Vaccine Purchase Fund, the Center for Health and Information Analysis Fund, the Healthcare Payment Reform Fund and the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund, for payments to hospitals and community health centers for reimbursable health services provided to uninsured and underinsured residents, consistent with the requirements of this section, section 69 and the regulations adopted by the office. The amount collected pursuant to clause (viii) of the definition of the total managed care organization services assessment amount in section 64 shall be dedicated to reducing the shortfall, as described in subsection (b) of section 69, for the year prior to the assessment year. The office shall also annually expend money from the fund for the expenses of the executive office, including the health safety net office under subsection (a), for the administration of the health safety net and related assessments. The office shall also expend not more than $6,000,000 annually from the fund for demonstration projects that use case management and other methods to reduce the liability of the fund to acute hospitals. All interest earned on the amounts in the fund shall be deposited or retained in the fund. The director shall from time-to-time requisition from the fund amounts that the director considers necessary to meet the current obligations of the office for the purposes of the fund and estimated obligations for a reasonable future period.

(c) For each fiscal year, in the event that federal financial participation is not available for any of the Medicaid expenditures made or to be made from this fund or from amounts transferred from the fund pursuant to paragraphs (A), (B), (C), (D) or (K) of subsection (b), or hospital assessment funding serving as the non-federal share of such expenditures is not available due to the application of any federal law, regulation or policy, such as federal expenditure limits or federal health care-related tax rules, or for any other reason, the amount of each such forementioned transfer from the fund shall be reduced on a pro-rata basis by multiplying each such expenditure or transfer by a fraction, the numerator of which is the aggregate amount of the transfers from the fund pursuant to paragraphs (A), (B), (C), (D) or (K) of subsection (b) for which federal financial participation will be available and the denominator of which is the aggregate amount the expenditures and transfers from the fund pursuant to paragraphs (A), (B), (C), (D) or (K) of subsection (b) that would otherwise be made.

SECTION 27B. Section 66 of said chapter 118E, as amended by section 27A, is hereby further amended by striking out subsections (b) and (c) and inserting in place thereof the following 2 subsections:

(b) The fund shall consist of: (i) all amounts paid by hospitals and managed care organizations under sections 67 and 68; (ii) all appropriations for the purpose of

payments to acute hospitals or community health centers for health services provided to uninsured and underinsured residents; (iii) any transfers from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established in section 2OOO of chapter 29; (iv) any transfers from the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29; (v) any transfers from the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29; (vi) any transfers from the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of chapter 29; and (vii) all property and securities acquired by and through the use of money belonging to the fund and all interest thereon. There shall also be credited to the fund an amount equal to any federal financial participation claimed and received by the commonwealth for eligible expenditures made from the fund and financed by money transferred from the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29, the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of chapter 29 or from the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29. To accommodate timing discrepancies between the receipt of such revenue and related expenditures, the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the most recent revenue estimates as certified by the secretary of health and human services to be transferred, credited or deposited under this subsection. Annually, the office shall transfer from the non-federal money in the fund: (A) $149,300,000 to the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of chapter 29; (B) $1,041,170,000 to the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of chapter 29; (C) $115,500,000 to the Population Health Investment Trust Fund established in section 2UUUUU of chapter 29; (D) $ 33,169,685 to the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund established in section 2WWWW of chapter 29; (E) an amount equal to the Medicaid managed care organization revenue amount to the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund established in section 2FFFFFF of chapter 29; (F) an amount equal to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project revenue amount to the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund established in section 2EEEEEE of chapter 29; (G) an amount equal to the health policy commission revenue amount to the Healthcare Payment Reform Fund established in section 7 of chapter 6D; (H) an amount equal to the immunization revenue amount to the Vaccine Purchase Fund established in section 24N of chapter 111; (I) $33,700,000 to the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund established in section 2WWWWW of chapter 29; (J) an amount equal to the center for health information and analysis revenue amount to the Center for Health Information and Analysis Fund established in section 7A of chapter 12C; and (K) $35,000,000 to the Essential Community Provider Trust Fund established in section 2PPP of chapter 29. The office shall expend amounts in the fund, except for amounts transferred to the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund, the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund, the Population Health Investment Trust Fund, the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund, the Managed Care Organization Services Reinvestment Fund, the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project Fund, the Vaccine Purchase Fund, the Center for Health and Information Analysis Fund, the Healthcare Payment Reform Fund and the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund, for payments to hospitals and community health centers for reimbursable health services provided to uninsured and underinsured residents, consistent with the requirements of this section, section 69 and the regulations adopted by the office. The amount collected pursuant to clause (viii) of the definition of non-Medicaid managed care organization amount in section 64 shall be dedicated to reducing the shortfall, as

described in subsection (b) of section 69, for the year prior to the assessment year. The office shall also annually expend money from the fund for the expenses of the executive office, including the health safety net office under subsection (a), for the administration of the health safety net and related assessments. The office shall also expend not more than $6,000,000 annually from the fund for demonstration projects that use case management and other methods to reduce the liability of the fund to acute hospitals. All interest earned on the amounts in the fund shall be deposited or retained in the fund. The director shall from time-to-time requisition from the fund amounts that the director considers necessary to meet the current obligations of the office for the purposes of the fund and estimated obligations for a reasonable future period.

(c) For each fiscal year, in the event that federal financial participation is not available for any of the Medicaid expenditures made or to be made from this fund or from amounts transferred from the fund pursuant to paragraphs (A), (B), (C), (D) or (K) of subsection (b), or hospital assessment funding serving as the non-federal share of such expenditures is not available due to the application of any federal law, regulation or policy, such as federal expenditure limits or federal health care-related tax rules, or for any other reason, the amount of each such forementioned transfer from the fund shall be reduced on a pro-rata basis by multiplying each such expenditure or transfer by a fraction, the numerator of which is the aggregate amount of the transfers from the fund pursuant to paragraphs (A), (B), (C), (D) or (K) of subsection (b) for which federal financial participation will be available and the denominator of which is the aggregate amount the expenditures and transfers from the fund pursuant to paragraphs (A), (B), (C), (D) or (K) of subsection (b) that would otherwise be made.

SECTION 27C. Said chapter 118E is hereby further amended by striking out section 67, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 67. (a) Subject to all required federal approvals, including any required waivers under 42 CFR 433.68, a hospital's annual liability to the fund shall be calculated in accordance with this section. The annual aggregate liability of all hospitals to the fund shall equal the total hospital assessment amount.

(b) [reserved].

(c) The office shall promulgate regulations establishing an appropriate mechanism for enforcing each hospital's liability to the fund if a hospital does not make a scheduled payment to the fund.

(d) For the purposes of the assessment in this section, all hospitals in the commonwealth shall be divided into the following groups, as determined by the secretary: (i) large group 1 safety net hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean, any group 1 safety net hospital that had not less than 355 staffed beds in fiscal year 2022, as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (ii) small group 1 safety net hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean any group 1 safety net hospital that had less than 355 staffed beds in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (iii) large group 2 safety net hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean any group 2 safety net hospital that had not less than 355 staffed beds in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (iv) small group 2 safety net hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean any group 2 safety net hospital that had less than 355 staffed beds in fiscal year 2022 as reported by the center for health information and analysis; (v) freestanding pediatric acute hospitals; (vi) academic, teaching and specialty hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean an academic medical center, teaching hospital or specialty hospital as determined by the

center for health information and analysis as of September 30, 2019, but excluding any high public payer hospital; (vii) private acute hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean a private hospital licensed under section 51 of chapter 111 that contains a majority of medical-surgical, pediatric, obstetric and maternity beds as defined by the department of public health and operating as of September 30, 2019, but excluding any safety net hospital or academic, teaching and specialty hospital; (viii) non-state public hospitals which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean any non-state-owned public hospital in the commonwealth as determined by the secretary; and (ix) non-acute hospitals which, for the purposes of this section shall mean any nonpublic hospital licensed by the department of public health under said section 51 of said chapter 111; provided, however, that non-acute hospital shall not include an acute care hospital under section 25B of said chapter 111 or a nonpublic hospital licensed as an inpatient facility by the department of mental health under section 19 of chapter 19 and regulations promulgated thereunder but not categorized as a class VII licensee under the regulations.

(e) Each of the groups described in subsection (d) shall be subject to the following assessment rates: (i) large group 1 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 16.510per cent for inpatient services and 8.000 per cent for outpatient services; (ii) small group 1 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 14.500 per cent for inpatient services and 5.500 per cent for outpatient services; (iii) large group 2 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 8.100 per cent for inpatient services and 16.200 per cent for outpatient services; (iv) small group 2 safety net hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 16.450 per cent for inpatient services and 9.100 per cent for outpatient services; (v) freestanding pediatric acute hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 3.300 per cent for inpatient services and 2.600 per cent for outpatient services; (vi) academic, teaching and specialty hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 4.675 per cent for inpatient services and 1.290 per cent for outpatient services; (vii) private acute hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 8.299 per cent for inpatient services and 0.720 per cent for outpatient services; (viii) non-state public hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 1.250 per cent for inpatient services and 1.250 per cent for outpatient services; and (ix) non-acute hospitals shall be subject to a rate of 3.300 per cent for inpatient services and 3.300 per cent for outpatient services; provided, however, that the office shall increase each such rate by the amount necessary to generate 50 per cent of the estimated cost as determined by the secretary of administration and finance, of administering the health safety net and related assessments in accordance with sections 65 to 69, inclusive. If hospital closures or hospital changes in status to a different type of provider would result in a reduction of total hospital assessment amount, the secretary may, by regulation, adjust the assessment rates to ensure the total hospital assessment amount is not reduced by more than $10,000,000 on an annual basis; provided, however, that any such adjustments to the rates shall ensure the rates remain in the same proportion to each other as established herein. If the total hospital assessment amount collected for the hospital assessment year exceeds the amount necessary to support the non-federal share of amounts transferred pursuant to paragraphs (A), (B), (C), (D) or (K) of subsection (b) of section 66, the secretary of the executive office of health and human services shall, by regulation, adjust the assessment rates for the subsequent hospital assessment year to ensure the total hospital assessment amount does not exceed the amount necessary to support such expenditures; provided, however, that any such adjustments shall ensure the rates remain in the same proportion to each other as established herein and provided that any such adjustment does not jeopardize federal financial participation. In order to adjust the assessment rates by regulation as described in this subsection, the secretary

of the executive office of health and human services shall seek all required federal approvals the secretary deems necessary.

(f) The assessment rates described in subsection (e) shall be applied to each hospital's fiscal year 2023 assessed charges for inpatient and outpatient services as determined by the secretary of health and human services; provided, however, that the term 'assessed charges' shall have the meaning ascribed to it in section 64. The total of the resulting products shall equal a hospital's annual assessment liability.

(g) Subject to receipt of all required federal approvals, the executive office shall implement the assessment structure described in this section and shall promulgate regulations, after prior consultation with the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc., necessary to support implementation of said assessment structure. In promulgating such regulations, and in consultation with the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc. the executive office shall, at a minimum: (i) specify an appropriate mechanism for determination and payment of an acute hospital's liability to the fund; (ii) identify the hospitals that belong to each group identified in subsection (d); (iii) specify an appropriate mechanism for the determination of a hospital's liability in cases of merger or transfer of ownership; and (iv) specify an appropriate mechanism by which any amounts paid by a hospital in excess of a hospital's total annual assessment liability may be refunded or otherwise credited to the hospital. The executive office shall publish or otherwise make available to the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc., the data and methodology used in setting the assessment rates and group classification prior to the promulgation of any such regulations.

(h) The secretary of health and human services may enforce the payment of required assessments under this section: (i) for hospitals licensed by the department of health, by notifying the department of the unpaid assessments and such information shall be considered by the department in determining suitability in accordance with section 51 of chapter 111 for the hospital or its affiliate provider entities; (ii) by offsetting payments from the office of Medicaid against the claims for payment by the delinquent hospital, against other hospitals or MassHealth-contracted entities under common ownership as the delinquent hospital or against any successor in interest to the hospital or such provider entities under common ownership, in the amount of the delinquent fees owed, including any interest, penalties and reasonable attorneys' fees, and by transferring such funds into the fund; or (iii) creating, after demand for payment, a lien in favor of the commonwealth in an amount not to exceed the delinquent fees owed, including any interest, penalties and reasonable attorneys' fees, encumbering the building in which the delinquent hospital is located, encumbering the real property upon which the delinquent hospital is located, including fixtures, equipment or goods used in the operation of the delinquent hospital, or encumbering any real property in which the delinquent hospital holds an interest.";

By inserting after section 79 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 79A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and human services shall seek all required federal approvals the secretary deems necessary to implement sections 14A, 14B, 14C, 23A, 25A, 27A and 27C, including any required waivers under 42 CFR § 433.68 necessary to implement the hospital assessment described in section 67 of chapter 118E of the General Laws. If, after having received any required federal approval necessary to implement said sections 14A, 14B, 14C, 23A, 25A, 27A and 27C, such approval is withdrawn or is otherwise not in effect or if the secretary determines that a change in federal law or regulations or the administration of any such federal law or regulation requires a

modification to the hospital assessment described in said section 67 of said chapter 118E or to the implementation of the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of said chapter 118E, the Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund established in section 2WWWW of chapter 29 of the General Laws, the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund established in section 2AAAAA of said chapter 29, the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in section 2TTTTT of said chapter 29 or the Population Health Investment Trust Fund established in section 2UUUUU of said chapter 29, the secretary shall provide written notification to the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means and shall collaborate with the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc. to develop alternatives prior to implementation.

Not later than February 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, the secretary shall report to the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means: (i) the amount of the assessment made and collected from each hospital pursuant to said section 67 of said chapter 118E; and (ii) the amounts transferred to, deposited in, expended from and transferred from the Hospital Investment and Performance Trust Fund established in said section 2TTTTT of said chapter 29 and the Population Health Investment Trust Fund established in said section 2UUUUU of said chapter 29.

SECTION 79B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller, at the direction of the secretary of administration and finance, shall transfer in both fiscal year 2026 and 2027 not less than $50,000,000 each such fiscal year from the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund established in section 2OOO of chapter 29 of the General Laws to the Health Safety Net Trust Fund established in section 66 of chapter 118E of the General Laws; provided, that such transfers shall be in addition to any other transfers from said Commonwealth Care Trust Fund to said Health Safety Net Trust Fund required in fiscal years 2026 or 2027; provided further, that such funds shall be used first to reduce the shortfall, as described in subsection (b) of section 69 of said chapter 118E, for health safety net fiscal years 2026 and 2027, and that any remaining funds may be used to reduce the shortfall in any other open health safety net fiscal year; and provided further, that the amount equal to any federal financial participation revenues claimed and received by the commonwealth for eligible expenditures made from said Health Safety Net Trust Fund through funds transferred pursuant to this section from said Commonwealth Care Trust Fund shall be credited to said Health Safety Net Trust Fund.”; and

By inserting after section 82 the following 3 sections:

“SECTION 82A. Sections 14A, 14B, 14C, 23A, 25A, 27A, 27C and 79A shall take effect upon the date on which the secretary receives all federal approvals deemed necessary to implement said sections. The executive office of health and human services shall provide notice not later than 10 days after the effective date pursuant to this section.

SECTION 82B. Section 27B shall take effect on December 31, 2025.

SECTION 82C. Section 79B shall take effect on October 1, 2025.”.

Amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 89.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 147 members voted in the affirmative and 8 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 89 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Sweezey of Duxbury and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 84. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, shall verify the United States citizenship of each applicant prior to the award or disbursement of any HomeBASE benefit and shall not approve or disburse HomeBASE funds to any applicant who fails to provide satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship.".

After remarks amendment was rejected.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 15 the following section: Consolidated amendments.

"SECTION 15A. Said chapter 29 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 2LLLLLL, inserted by section 18 of chapter 14 of the acts of 2025, the following section:

Section 2MMMMMM. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund known as the Western Massachusetts Hospital Fund, which shall be administered by the commissioner of public health.

(b) There shall be credited to the fund: (i) appropriations or other money authorized or transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds from public and private sources, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations; and (iii) any interest earned on money in the fund.

(c) Amounts credited to the fund may be expended without further appropriation by the commissioner of public health for any purpose related to the operation of the Western Massachusetts hospital. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point.";

By inserting after section 16 the following section:

"SECTION 16A. Section 1 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of 'Violent act injury' and inserting in place thereof the following definition:

'Violent act injury', a catastrophic or life-threatening permanent bodily injury sustained as a direct and proximate result of a violent attack upon a person by means of a dangerous weapon, which is used in a manner intended to cause serious injury or death, including, but not limited to, a firearm, knife, automobile or explosive device.";

In section 17, in lines 363 and 364, by striking out the following: "chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition" and inserting in place thereof the following: "said chapter 32, as so appearing";

By inserting after section 22 the following section:

"SECTION 22A. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 12C, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 12C. No physician, nurse or other health care professional licensed under this chapter or otherwise authorized within their scope of practice, by statewide standing order or by department of public health designation to prescribe, dispense or administer vaccines shall be liable for any injury caused by an act or omission in prescribing, dispensing, ordering, furnishing or administering a vaccine or other immunizing agent, including the residual effects of the vaccine or immunizing agent; provided, that the immunization is required by state law, administered in accordance with guidance from the department of public health or authorized under public health programs and the act or omission does not constitute willful misconduct or gross negligence.";

In section 23, in line 404, by striking out the following: "Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended" and inserting in place thereof the following: "Said chapter 112 is hereby further amended";

By inserting after section 63 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 63A. Subsection (g) of section 205 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by striking out the figure '2025' and inserting in place thereof the following figure: 2026.

SECTION 63B. Subsection (c) of section 206 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'October 1, 2025' and inserting in place thereof the following words:— June 1, 2026."; and

By inserting after section 71 the following 3 sections:

"SECTION 71A. Section 88 of chapter 14 of the acts of 2025 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'October 15', both times they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words: December 31.

SECTION 71B. Section 97 of said chapter 14 is hereby amended by striking out the word 'January' and inserting in place thereof the following word: September.

SECTION 71C. Notwithstanding section 23 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, section 31 of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, a city, town or district that was a member unit of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust in fiscal years 2026 or 2027 or before may amortize over fiscal years 2027 to 2032, inclusive, in equal installments or more rapidly, the amount of its unanticipated fiscal year 2026 or 2027 Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust health insurance-related deficit; provided, that the member unit shall certify in writing to the division of local services of the department of revenue prior to June 30, 2027 that the member unit has withdrawn from the Trust. The commissioner of revenue shall issue guidelines or instructions: (i) as to the amount that constitutes unanticipated fiscal year 2026 or 2027 health insurance-related deficit under this section; and (ii) for reporting the amortization of deficits authorized by this section. The local appropriating authority, as defined in section 21C of said chapter 59, shall adopt a deficit amortization schedule in accordance with the department of revenue's guidelines or instructions before setting the municipality's fiscal year 2027 tax rate.".

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 90.

After debate on the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 144 members voted in the affirmative and 11 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 90 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

Consolidated amendments.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 54 the following section:

"SECTION 54A. Item 2000-0100 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023 is hereby amended by striking out the words 'June 30, 2025', as appearing in section 61 of chapter 248 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof the following: June 30, 2026.";

In section 55, in line 1908, by striking out the words "section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 2023" and inserting in place thereof the following: "said section 2 of said chapter 28", and in lines 1909 and 1910, by striking out the following: "chapter 248 of the acts of 2024" and inserting in place thereof the following: "said chapter 248";

By inserting after section 55 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 55A. Item 1599-0514 of section 2A of chapter 77 of the acts of 2023 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'fiscal year 2025' the following words: and in all subsequent fiscal years thereafter; provided, that the executive office for

administration and finance, in consultation with the executive office of housing and livable communities, shall provide a report to the house and senate detailing all fiscal year 2026 spending on the emergency housing assistance program since July 1, 2025 which has not been previously disclosed in the offices' bi-weekly emergency assistance reports.

SECTION 55B. Item 0640-0300 of section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'donations' the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.";

In section 56, in line 1911, by striking out the following: "section 2 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024" and inserting in place thereof the following: "said section 2 of said chapter 140";

By inserting after section 56 the following 3 sections:

"SECTION 56A. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words 'development costs' the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 56B. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'Middleton' the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 56C. Said item 1599-0026 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'Act' the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.";

By inserting after section 57 the following 3 sections:

"SECTION 57A. Item 4512-0205 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'Healthy Lynnfield' the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 57B. Item 7002-0010 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by inserting after the words 'inclusive community' the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 57C. Item 7004-0107 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'individuals', the fourth time it appears, the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.";

By inserting after section 59 the following 14 sections:

"SECTION 59A. Said item 7008-0900 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'programming', the second time it appears, the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59B. Said item 7008-0900 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'Springfield', the first time it appears, the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59C. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as amended by section 65 of chapter 14 of the acts of 2025, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'center', the first time it appears, the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59D. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word 'veterans', the second time it appears, the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59E. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘other equipment’ the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59F. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘Middleton’ the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59G. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘gazebo’, the first time it appears, the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59H. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘Southbridge’, the second time it appears, the following: , and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59I. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘Framingham’, the first time it appears, the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59J. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘Beverly’, the second time it appears, the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59K. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘city of Boston’, the second time they appear, the following words: , and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59L. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘Act’, the first time it appears, the following: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59M. Item 7010-1192 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as most recently amended by section 101 of chapter 9 of the acts of 2025, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words ‘New Bedford’, the first time they appear, the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.

SECTION 59N. Said item 7010-1192 of said section 2 of said chapter 140, as so amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word ‘programs’, the second time it appears, the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.”;

By inserting after section 60 the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 60A. Item 9110-9002 of said section 2 of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘for an electronic sign at the Council on Aging’ and inserting in place thereof the following words: for the Council on Aging.

SECTION 60B. Item 1596-2406 of section 2F of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘Program’ the following words: and such funds shall be made available until June 30, 2026.”;

By inserting after section 70 the following 2 sections:

“SECTION 70A. Item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘analysis’ the following words:— ; provided further, that not less than $23,500 shall be expended to The Coast Guard Heritage Museum in the town of Barnstable to fund the final payment of the Massachusetts State House Coast Guard Memorial Mural on the 2nd floor of the State House.

SECTION 70B. Said item 7008-1116 of said section 2 of said chapter 9 is hereby further amended by striking the figure '$25,826,000' and inserting in place thereof the following figure: $25,849,500".

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 91.

On the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 151 members voted in the affirmative and 4 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 91 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 92.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 141 members voted in the affirmative and 14 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 92 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4615, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Representative Flanagan of Dennis moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Thomas N. George, a member of the House from Yarmouth from 1997 to 2004, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at seventeen minutes before six o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Owens of Watertown in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Owens), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Department of Environmental Protection.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Barber of Somerville) commending the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary; and

Somerset,—library.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Thurber of Somerset) honoring the Friends of the Somerset Public Library as it celebrates National Friends of Libraries Week;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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Essex District Attorney,—Melanie's Law.

From the Essex District Attorney's Office (see Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 Operating Under the Influence Deterrent Trust Fund (Melanie's Law);

Hampden District Attorney,—Melanie's Law.

From the Hampden District Attorney's Office (see Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 Operating Under the Influence Deterrent Trust Fund (Melanie's Law); and

Northwestern District Attorney,—Melanie's Law.

From the Northwestern District Attorney's Office (see Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 Operating Under the Influence Deterrent Trust Fund (Melanie's Law);

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

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Legal assistance.

Of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (under Section 10 of Chapter 221A of the General Laws) submitting a report for fiscal year 2025; and

Norfolk District Attorney,— Melanie's Law.

Of the Norfolk District Attorney's Office (under Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 Operating Under the Influence Deterrent Trust Fund (Melanie's Law);

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Boylston,— select board.

Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Kennedy presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4621) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and Robyn K. Kennedy (by vote of the town) relative to changing the board of selectmen in the town of Boylston to select board; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Watertown,— property tax classifications.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Steven Owens and John J. Lawn, Jr., (with the approval of the city council) relative to property tax classifications in the city of Watertown for fiscal year 2027 and subsequent fiscal years. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Swampscott,— commission.

Authorizing the appointment of alternate members to the conservation commission of the town of Swampscott (Senate, No. 23) [Local Approval Received];

Marblehead,— parking fines.

Authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish fines related to parking violations (Senate, No. 2528) [Local Approval Received];

House bills

Greenfield,— charter.

Amending the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 4379) [Local Approval Received];

Randolph,— charter.

Relative to the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph (House, No. 4400) [Local Approval Received];

Swampscott,— charter.

Relative to the charter of the town of Swampscott establishing a fall annual town meeting (House, No. 4438) [Local Approval Received]; and

Williamsburg,— select board.

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Williamsburg to select board (House, No. 4524) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Sex offenders,— study.

Of the Bill creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders (House, No. 84);

Acquired brain injuries.

Of the Bill to establish an acquired brain injury advisory board (House, No. 231); and

Of the Bill relative to a commission to redetermine the definition of disabled veteran in the laws and regulations for the registry of motor vehicles (House, No. 4088); Veteran,— definition.

And recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill directing the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to study the feasibility of incentivizing inpatient psychiatric hospitals to admit patients directly from community behavioral health centers (House, No. 2363). Behavioral health centers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding access to hygiene products (House, No. 2390). Hygiene products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2440 and 2530, a Bill protecting children from harmful diet pills and muscle-building supplements (House, No. 2440). Harmful supplements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting patients and healthcare workers from exposure to surgical smoke (House, No. 2442). Smoke exposure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing a 90-day supply of medically necessary testosterone therapy medication (House, No. 2447). Testosterone therapy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2367, 2500 and 2503, a Bill relative to increasing access to epinephrine (House, No. 4607). Epinephrine,— access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2399, a Bill to improve access to health care for people with Long COVID (House, No. 4608). Long COVID.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2400, a Bill measuring the impact of Long COVID in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4609). Id.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to gambling addiction (House, No. 2416). Gambling addiction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an amputation prevention task force (House, No. 2433). Amputation prevention.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to menstrual product ingredient disclosure (House, No. 2375). Menstrual products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Massachusetts entry into the interstate medical licensure compact (House, No. 2393). Interstate medical licensure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to sexual assault counselor task force (House, No. 2446). Sexual assault counselors.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ana C. Contreras, an employee of the trial court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 1596, amended) Bill enacted.

(which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Third reading bills.

Exempting Stephen Justice from the maximum age requirement for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 2985) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Exempting Javier Vargas from the maximum age requirement for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 2986) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Exempting Brittany Sproule from the maximum age requirement for firefighters in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 2987) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (Mr. Owens of Watertown being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, October 20, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 17, 2025 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4629);

Order (filed by Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4626);

Order (filed by Representatives Lewis of Framingham and Sabadosa of Northampton) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 17, 2025 the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4628);

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Thursday, November 20, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4627).

Order (filed by the same members) relative to extending until Thursday, November 20, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4630); and

Order (filed by the same members) relative to extending until Thursday, November 20, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4631);

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission.

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 13V of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Office of

International Trade and Investment (MOITI) Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission Report for fiscal year 2025;

From the Northwestern District Attorney's Office (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2025 law enforcement trust funds for drug rehabilitation, drug education and neighborhood crime watch programs; Northwestern District Attorney,— drugs and crime.

From the Division of Insurance (see Section 117C of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting its Credit Insurance report for calendar year 2024; Credit insurance.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see item 3000-1049 of Section 183 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report entitled "Best Practices: Enhance Early Education and Care Benefits" for fiscal year 2025; and Early education and care.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 84 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its Municipal Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration Program annual report for fiscal year 2025; Municipal fossil fuel-free program.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Lombardo of Billerica and Senator Friedman presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4632) of Marc T. Lombardo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Billerica be authorized to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Billerica,— police age limit.

Representative Hogan of Stow presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kate Hogan for legislation to establish statewide food truck regulations; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Food trucks,— regulations.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Relative to amending certain use restrictions for the Foxborough State Hospital (Senate, No. 2141) (on a petition); Foxborough State Hospital.

Relative to menstrual product ingredient disclosure (Senate, No. 2641) (on Senate bill No. 1483); and Menstrual products.

Updating the Move Over Law (Senate, No. 2653) (on Senate bill No. 2642); Move over law.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill to increase access to disposable menstrual products (Senate, No. 2640) (on Senate bill No. 2546), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing. Menstrual products,— availability.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2652) of Kelly A. Dooner, Justin Thurber and Norman J. Orrall (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Taunton to establish a separate billing rate for water supplied to manufactured housing communities, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Taunton,— water billing rate.

Milton,— land.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of William J. Driscoll, Jr. for legislation to authorize the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to grant permanent easements over certain land in the town of Milton for highway purposes, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2657) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Reports of Committees.

New Bedford,— police association.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to benefit payments by the New Bedford Police Association. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Brookfield,— Herbert Chaffee.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Brookfield to continue the employment of Herbert A. Chaffee, II (Senate, No. 1830) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Window guards.

Relative to enhancing child safety (House, No. 2676);

Athol,— funds.

Relative to certain special revolving funds in the town of Athol (House, No. 4401) [Local Approval Received];

Carlisle,— administrator.

Relative to the town administrator of the town of Carlisle (House, No. 4414) [Local Approval Received]; and

Nantucket,— charter.

Amending the charter for the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4441, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Patient disclosure requirements.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill to streamline patient disclosure requirements (House, No. 1126).

Gynecological care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to eliminating the PCP referral requirement for specialty gynecological care (House, No. 1168).

Prior authorization.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1136, a Bill improving the health insurance prior authorization process (House, No. 4616).

Advance practice nurses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1140, a Bill to remove barriers to patient care (House, No. 4617).

Equitable reimbursement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1142, a Bill to promote increased access to patient care through equitable reimbursement (House, No. 4618).

Surprise billing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1144, a Bill to protect health care consumers from surprise billing (House, No. 4619).

Menstrual products.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 2483, a Bill to increase access to disposable menstrual products (House, No. 4611).

Physicians,— workforce.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2550, a Bill relative to culturally competent and effective health care (House, No. 4613).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Students,— literacy.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 669 and 698, a Bill relative to teacher preparation and student literacy (House, No. 4642).

Sex work,— decriminalization.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 2467, a Bill to study the decriminalization of sex work (House, No. 4610).

Endometriosis task force.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2527, a Bill relative to the creation of an endometriosis task force (House, No. 4612).

Carbon emission reduction.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relating to embodied carbon emission reductions in state-funded projects (House, No. 3337).

Artificial turf fields.

By the same member for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting state and municipal contracts for the purchase and installation of artificial turf fields (House, No. 3339).

American manufacturing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote American manufacturing (House, No. 3411).

Chapter 30B procurement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to chapter 30B procurement parity (House, No. 3436).

Disability employment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3293, a Bill relative to the employment of persons with disabilities (House, No. 4620).

Public records,— access.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to state agency language access and inclusion and removing certain accessibility restriction on public records (House, No. 4564), reported, in part, a Bill relative to language access and inclusion (House, No. 3384).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Charter school procurement.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to charter school procurement (House, No. 3423).

Cooperative purchasing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enhance cooperative purchasing opportunities for cities and towns (House, No. 3424).

Vital records,— access.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to state agency language access and inclusion and removing certain accessibility restriction on public records (House, No. 4564), reported, on the residue, a Bill relative to restricted vital records (House, No. 3393).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Providing for alternatives to fines for failure to send (House, No. 571); — Attendance.

Establishing Indigenous Peoples Day (House, No. 3292); — Indigenous day.

Making October 25th Dwarfism awareness day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3343); — Dwarfism day.

Designating the official jazz song of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3407); — Jazz song.

To clarify penalties for violations occurring while driving with a hardship license (House, No. 3728); and — Hardship license,—penalties.

Relative to expired licenses (House, No. 3736); — Expired licenses.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Wellesley to increase the residency limits for members of the police and fire departments (see House, No. 4140) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. — Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Exempting Freddy Castaneda from the maximum age requirement for police officers in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 2988) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); — Third reading bills.

Amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to incorporate appointment powers of the board of library trustees (House, No. 4292);

Establishing an economic development special revenue account for the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4293); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Marie Letendre, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 4565) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. — Next sitting.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tributes.

Bernard "Bernie" Fang.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Ryan of Boston and Consalvo of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Bernard "Bernie" Fang of Charlestown, who entered eternal life on October 17th.

Bernie began his career at the State House in 1974 as a research assistant in the Taxation Committee. Throughout his tenure, he served in the offices of Representative Scaccia of Boston and Representative Ryan of Boston, working in the committees on Science and Technology, Post Audit and Oversight, and Rules. Proud of his public service, Bernie served countless constituents over the course of his career. Outside of the legislature, he volunteered for numerous organizations including Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, Meals on Wheels, and the Jennifer Creed fund.

He is predeceased by his brother, George. He leaves behind his sister Madeleine Fang of Richmond, California, his nieces, Melissa Fang and her husband, Andrew Hargens, and Amy Lannon and her husband, Paul; and his grandnephews, Grayson and Holland Hargens and Joshua and Owen Lannon, along with his many friends and colleagues, here at the State House, who mourn his loss and honor his legacy.

Thomas George.

During the session (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Flanagan of Dennis, Diggs of Barnstable, and Xiarhos of Barnstable, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of longtime Yarmouth Port resident and former Massachusetts State Representative Thomas N. George, who passed away on October 11th, 2025, at the age of 87.

The town of Yarmouth and the Cape Cod region are grateful for Mr. George's 43 years of dedicated public service and volunteerism within the town of Yarmouth in multiple capacities. In 1996, Mr. George was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives and served four terms representing Dennis, Yarmouth, and Brewster, where he faithfully served his community.

Sadly, Mr. George was pre-deceased by his son Thomas George. He is survived by his wife Alice McConathy George of Yarmouth, their children Alicia and Christopher, and his 5 granddaughters. The Cape Cod community sends their love and support to the entire George family.

Statement of Representative Keefe of Worcester.

A statement of Ms. Keefe of Worcester was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Keefe of Worcester.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was not present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, October 15th due to illness. If I had been present for the taking of roll call numbers 89 to 92, inclusive, I would have voted in the affirmative, in each instance. My missing of roll calls that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Distinguished Guests.

Hokkaido-Massachusetts Sister- State Relationship.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) turned the gavel over to Representative Chan of Quincy, for the purpose of introducing guests from Hokkaido, Japan in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Hokkaido-Massachusetts Sister-State Relationship. Joining the House Asian Caucus was the Consul General of Japan, Vice-Governor of Hokkaido, Speaker of the Hokkaido Assembly, the Superintendent of Education, along with members of the Hokkaido Assembly and honorable guests.

Ito Jochi, Speaker of the Hokkaido Assembly, then addressed the House briefly; and on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the remarks were spread upon the record as follows:

Thank you very much. The last time we visited Massachusetts it was 10 years ago, back in 2015. I was also part of the delegation last time so it brings me back memories now that I have visited here again and I find all the familiar faces around me.

I am also honored to be able to join the commemorative ceremony for the 35 years of the sister-state relationship between Massachusetts and Hokkaido this time. Massachusetts and Hokkaido share a long standing connection from the developmental phase of Hokkaido and our sister-state relationship dates back to 1990.

The members of the Hokkaido legislative assembly hope that celebrating this commemorative year, the exchanging between our two regions will expand to a wider range of fields which reflect the needs of our time and the friendship and mutual understanding will deepen even farther.

Thank you very much for taking your time today despite your busy schedules. I appreciate your warm hospitality. Thank you.

Hamasaka Shinichi, Vice-Governor of Hokkaido, then addressed the House briefly; and on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the remarks were spread upon the record as follows:

Good morning my name is Hamasaka. I am the vice Governor of Hokkaido. Everyone present here today from the assembly of the commonwealth thank you very much for the warm welcome despite your busy schedules. The connection between Massachusetts and Hokkaido dates back to 150 years ago.

Thanks to the cooperation from the notable figures from Massachusetts, for example Mr. Horace Capron and Dr. Wiliam Clark and many other advisors, we have the Hokkaido that we have today. With that history as a background Massachusetts and Hokkaido became sister-states to each other in 1990. And just now we signed the re-affirmation and proclamation of friendship and affiliation commemorating our 35 years of friendship with Governor Healey.

We are looking forward to even deepening the friendship between us with this opportunity so thank you very much and we are looking forward to working with everyone from the Commonwealth assembly. Thank you. Thank you very much.

They were the guests of Representatives Chan of Quincy, Wong of Saugus, Nguyen of Andover, Howard of Lowell, Uyterhoeven of Somerville, Sangiolo of Newton, Hong of Lowell, and Gentile of Sudbury.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barber of Somerville and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Resolutions.

Polish American Heritage Month.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Kushmerek of Fitchburg and other members of the House) recognizing the Copernicus Institute in honoring October 2025 as Polish American Heritage Month, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Sharon,— land.

The House Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 1024), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to supply sewer services to certain parcels of land in the town of Sharon, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.".

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Quincy,— bonds.

A Bill providing for the issuance of revenue bonds for the construction and reconstruction of telecommunications facilities by the city of Quincy (Senate, No. 2625) (on Senate bill No. 1450) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Employment,— eligibility forms.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2665) of Jason M. Lewis, James B. Eldridge, Joanne M. Comerford, Rebecca L. Rausch and other members of the General Court for legislation to require employers to notify current employees of an I-9 employment eligibility verification form, or other employment records, within 72

hours of receiving the notice from a government agency. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Lobular breast cancer day.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2666) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Dylan A. Fernandes, Patricia D. Jehlen, Nick Collins and others for legislation to establish Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Amy Tanguay,— sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Shirley B. Arriaga for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Amy Tanguay, an employee of the Trial Court. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Fenn Farm.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Leigh Davis relative to the purchase or lease of a certain property known as Fenn Farm. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Solar and wind systems,— exemptions.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to clarifying property tax exemptions for solar and wind systems (House, No. 3179). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Fairhaven,— retired police.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4234) [Local Approval Received].

David Russell,— sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the Department of Corrections (DOC) (House, No. 4587).

Jeanne McCarron.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeanne McCarron (House, No. 4624).

Farm land.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to non-contiguous farm land (House, No. 3008).

Urban farms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote urban agriculture and horticulture (House, No. 3130).

Swampscott,— recreational land tax.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill updating the tax treatment of recreational lands in the town of Swampscott (House, No. 3917) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

Bonding terms.

The engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House bill printed in House, No. 4413), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Removing the town of Hull from the eastern regional commission on the status of women (see House, No. 2313);

Increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Lanesborough (see House, No. 4056); and

Authorizing the treasurer of the town of Norton to make certain payments (see House, No. 4348);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills enacted.

Recess.

At seventeen minutes before twelve o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and twenty-five minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to assault and battery upon a transit worker (House, No. 1877) was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4645), which was read.

The amendment was adopted.

Third reading bill amended.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Day of Stoneham; and on the roll call 160 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 93 in Supplement.]

Therefore the substituted bill (House, No. 4645) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—yea and nay No. 93.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 3312), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4643). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Stoneham,—land.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Child welfare protections.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill enhancing child welfare protections (House, No. 4416), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4644). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Gaskey of Carver moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 50. Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in section 28, the final sentence.".

Point of order.

Ms. Peisch of Wellesley thereupon raised a point of order that the amendment offered by the gentleman from Carver is beyond the scope of the bill presently before the House. The bill reorganizes and regulates the Department of Children and Families and the Office of the Child Advocate, and concerns child welfare administration and oversight. The amendment proposes to amend chapter 149 of the General Laws relative to labor-law enforcement, which is a separate and unrelated subject not contained in the bill or in any of the matters upon which it is based.

In answer to the point of order, the Chair (Ms. Hogan of Stow) stated that the bill currently before the House reorganizes and regulates the authorities of the Department of Children and Families and the Office of the Child Advocate and related child-welfare statutes and does not address the criminal obscenity statute contained in chapter 272 of the General Laws. The amendment would introduce a criminal-law subject which is not contained in the current bill or in any of the matters upon which the bill is based. The subject matter is therefore outside the scope of the pending bill.

Therefore the Chair ruled that the point of order was well taken; and the amendment was laid aside accordingly.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 3, in line 21, by inserting after the word "shall" the words ", subject to appropriation,"; and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

Mr. O'Day of West Boylston then moved to amend the bill in section 34, in lines 481, 482 and 483, by striking out the following: "and (xvii) any other person, selected by the co-chairs or by majority vote of the members of the state team, with expertise

or information relevant to an individual case" and inserting in place thereof the following: "(xvii) the department of children and families chapter president or designee of the certified collective bargaining representative of bargaining unit 8; and (xviii) any other person, selected by the co-chairs or by majority vote of the members of the state team, with expertise or information relevant to an individual case"; and in lines 515, 516 and 517, by striking out the following: "and (x) any other person with expertise or information relevant to an individual case who may attend meetings, on an ad hoc basis, by agreement of the permanent members of each local team" and inserting in place thereof the following: "(x) the department of children and families chapter president or designee of the certified collective bargaining representative of bargaining unit 8; and (xi) any other person, selected by the co-chairs or by majority vote of the members of the state team, with expertise or information relevant to an individual case.".

Amendments adopted,—yea and nay No. 94.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member, and on the roll call 159 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 94 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were adopted.

Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 47 the following section:

"SECTION 47A. (a) There shall be established a commission to study, report and make recommendations on the creation and implementation of a digital education portfolio system to support the educational stability and well-being of foster children and youth in the commonwealth. The commission shall: (i) evaluate the current processes by which the department of children and families and the department of elementary and secondary education collect, manage and share the educational records of foster children and youth; (ii) develop recommendations for the design and implementation of a secure and accessible digital education portfolio system to ensure the educational stability of foster children and youth; (iii) identify and assess data privacy, interoperability and record transfer standards necessary to protect student information and support timely school transitions; (iv) examine best practices from other states and jurisdictions that maintain centralized education record systems for children and youth in the care and custody of the state's or jurisdiction's department of children and families or equivalent agency; and (v) determine appropriate access protocols for educators, foster parents, caseworkers, medical providers and other authorized individuals.

(b) The commission shall consist of: 6 persons appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a current or former foster youth, 1 of whom shall be a foster parent, 1 of whom shall have expertise in foster care or child welfare policy, 1 of whom shall represent an education advocacy organization, 1 of whom shall have expertise in education data systems or student records management and 1 of whom shall represent a child welfare or youth-serving nonprofit organization; the chairs of the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, who shall be co-chairs; the commissioner of children and families or a designee; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education or a designee; the child advocate or a designee; the secretary of education or a designee; 1 person appointed by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc.; 1 person appointed by the Massachusetts Teachers Association; 1 person appointed by the Massachusetts Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.; and 1 person appointed by the Service Employees International Union Local 509.

(c) Not later than November 30, 2026, the commission shall submit its report and recommendations to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the house and senate committees on ways and means. Recommendations shall include, but shall not be limited to, strategies, programs and legislation necessary to implement the digital education portfolio system and strengthen coordination between the department of children and families, educational agencies and any other relevant child welfare agencies.”.

Amendment adopted,— yea and nay No. 95.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member, and on the roll call 160 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 95 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 96.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Livingstone of Boston; and on the roll call 159 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 96 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4646, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o’clock A.M.

Representatives Marsi of Charlton and Smola of Warren then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Mark J. Carron, a member of the House from Southbridge from 1999 to 2006; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at a quarter after three o’clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, October 23, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Mary Shanley.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Biele of Boston) congratulating Mary Shanley on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday; and

Thomas Sagendorph.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Linsky of Natick) congratulating Thomas Sagendorph on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Valeria D'Orazio,—retirement.

By Representative Badger of Plymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger relative to a transfer of retirement benefits for Valeria D'Orazio an associate professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

Mental health,—co-pays.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon that the Center for Health Information and Analysis be authorized to conduct an analysis of eliminating or capping co-pays for mental and behavioral health services.

Biking safety.

By Representative Tarsky of Needham (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bonnie Ruggiero and Richard Ruggiero relative to visibility and safety in biking.

Colonoscopy procedures.

By the same member (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Gregory Dunn relative to colonoscopy procedures.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kelly W. Pease and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to battery storage facility permitting and penalties for noncompliance. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. — Battery storage facilities.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kelly W. Pease and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to establish buffer zones for battery storage facilities; and — Id.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kelly W. Pease, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. relative to lithium battery storage facilities; — Id.

Severally to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to seeds (House, No. 150); — Seeds.

To protect children from the use of alcohol and marijuana (House, No. 154); — Advertising.

To protect library patron privacy (House, No. 638); — Library privacy.

Relative to restricted vital records (House, No. 3393); — Vital records.

Authorizing the town of Cohasset to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4561) [Local Approval Received]; — Cohassett,— liquor licenses.

Establishing a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the Department of Corrections (DOC) (House, No. 4587); and — David Russell,— sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jeanne McCarron (House, No. 4624); — Jeane McCarron,— sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 594, 627, and 636, a Bill relative to the strengthening of financial literacy throughout the commonwealth (House, No. 627). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. — Financial literacy.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported that the foregoing bill ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill updating the administration of medications in schools statute to include epilepsy (House, No. 644). — Schools,— epilepsy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 635, a Bill relating to seizure disorders in schools (House, No. 4641). — Schools,— seizure disorders.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1608, a Bill relative to restraining orders as they pertain to hate crimes (House, No. 4633). — Hate crimes,— protections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1643, a Bill to protect the privacy of 911 callers (House, No. 4634). — 911 calls,— transcripts.

Municipal ordinances.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1669, a Bill relative to the effective enforcement of municipal ordinances and by-laws (House, No. 4635).

Hate crimes,—protections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1675, a Bill to advance hate-crime protections for victims who are targeted due to their gender (House, No. 4636).

Robotic technologies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1688 and 1978, a Bill relative to civil rights and technology (House, No. 4637).

Journalists,—protections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1738, a Bill relative to the free flow of information (House, No. 4638).

Facial recognition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1946, a Bill to implement the recommendations of the special commission on facial recognition technology (House, No. 4640).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Digital assets,—decedents.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1855 and 1968, a Bill for uniform fiduciary access to digital assets (House, No. 4639). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House bill printed in House, No. 4413) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Authorizing Thomas Harmon to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 2998);

Authorizing the city of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (House, No. 3916) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

In the town of Hanson local licenses and permits; denial, revocation or suspension for failure to comply with conditions of approval (House, No. 3953); and

Providing a simplified procedure for the layout and acceptance of subdivision roads in the city of Marlborough (House, No. 4439);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, October 27, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Order.

Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy,—extension of time for reporting.

An Order (filed by Representatives Cusack of Braintree and Kushmerek of Fitchburg) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4654) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Salem,—liquor license conversion.

By Representative Cruz of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4661) of Manny Cruz and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to alcoholic beverage licenses in the city of Salem; and

Id.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4662) of Manny Cruz and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to alcoholic beverage licenses in the city of Salem.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Milford,—highway surveyor.

By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4663) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the select board of the town of Milford be authorized to appoint a highway surveyor in said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Judicial court officers.

By Representative Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan relative to powers and duties of judicial court officers.

Constables and sheriffs.

By Representative Turco of Winthrop, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to the training, certification, and recognition of constables and civil deputy sheriffs.

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susannah M. Whipps relative to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District Financial Stability Fund. Athol-Royalston school district.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4615), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2670. Supplemental appropriations.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michlewitz, Ferrante of Gloucester and Smola of Warren were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined. Committee of conference.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Frank A. Moran for legislation to establish a commission to research topical steroid addiction and Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Health. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Topical steroids.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a commission on aging disabled adults (House, No. 4558); and Aging disabled adults.

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on a statewide long-term services and supports benefit program (House, No. 4559); Long-term services.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 545) of Marjorie C. Decker, Samantha Montaño and Natalie M. Higgins relative to MassHealth reimbursement to schools,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing. Schools,— MassHealth reimbursement.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 586) of Jessica Ann Giannino relative to type 1 diabetes informational materials in schools,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health. Schools,— diabetes information.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,— tennis courts.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill designating the Weider Park tennis courts as the Kim O'Connell tennis courts (House, No. 4259) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Marlborough,— councilor.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill relative to the office of ward 7 councilor in the city of Marlborough (House, No. 4170) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Attleboro,— Walter Guertin.

The Senate Bill providing for the retirement of Walter L. Guertin, a former member of the fire department in the city of Attleboro (Senate, No. 1859) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Ice cream vans.

Relative to the enhancement of child safety (House, No. 3808);

Car carriers.

Relative to loading and alighting vehicles from car carriers on public ways (House, No. 3810); and

School buses.

Increasing the penalties for passing a stopped school bus (House, No. 3814);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Archaic laws,— study.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to archaic laws (House, No. 4396) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Certification,— maintenance.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to maintenance of certification (House, No. 1400).

Barriers to care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill removing barriers to care for physician assistants (House, No. 2371).

Optometrists,— licensure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to updating the licensure of optometrists (House, No. 2380).

Physical therapy,— licensure compact.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a physical therapy licensure compact (House, No. 2490).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the provision and administration of bronchodilators, spacers, and nebulizers in schools (House, No. 2526). Schools,— provisions and administration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the psychology interjurisdictional compact (House, No. 2528). Psychology compact.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to physician assistant interstate compact (House, No. 2531). Physician assistant compact.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public health volunteer responders (House, No. 2551). Public health responders.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3658, a Bill establishing a special commission on micro-transit (House, No. 4649). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Micro-transit.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to tuition waivers for children raised by a grandparent or other relative (House, No. 1428). Tuition waivers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding access to higher education tuition and fee waivers for adopted foster children (House, No. 1431). Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing awareness of public student loan forgiveness (House, No. 1438). Forgiveness awareness.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a fund to further educational opportunities for caregivers to adults with disabilities (House, No. 1453). Caregivers,— educational opportunities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1423, a Bill relative to social work uplifting practices and exam removal (House, No. 4650). Social work accessibility.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1427, a Bill reducing the cost of attending college (House, No. 4651). College cost reduction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1444, a Bill relative to higher education financial literacy counseling (House, No. 4652). Financial counseling.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to growing resources to optimize the utilization of group therapeutic care (House, No. 377). Group therapeutic care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to clinical laboratories (House, No. 2395). Clinical laboratories.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical physics (House, No. 2425). Medical physics.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving pediatric cancer research (House, No. 2434). Pediatric cancer research.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to clinical laboratory testing (House, No. 2439). Laboratory testing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the continuing education of podiatrists (House, No. 2470). Podiatrists,— education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to anesthesiologist assistants (House, No. 2484). Anesthesiologist assistants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to facilitating the utilization of psychologists on the health care team (House, No. 2536). Health care,— psychologists.

Student heart health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to student heart health (House, No. 2552) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Student information.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 1451, a Bill protecting public higher education student information (House, No. 4653).

Naturopathy.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to the board of registration in naturopathy (House, No. 2402).

Podiatry,— definition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the definition of podiatry (House, No. 2407).

Tobacco sales.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ban internet tobacco sales (House, No. 2482) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Inflammatory breast cancer.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to including inflammatory breast cancer awareness in nursing education, Marnie's Law (House, No. 2489).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

Sharon,— land.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (see House, No. 4009), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill exempting the position of assistant fire chief in the town of Natick from the civil service law (see House, No. 3901) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

Bills

Authorizing the city of Quincy to enter into a lease extension to Quarry Hills Associates, Limited Partnership (House, No. 3897); and

Further regarding the term of the town moderator in the town of Norwood (House, No. 4381);

Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Second reading bill referred to Ways and Means.

The Senate Bill amending certain laws relative to individuals with disabilities (Senate, No. 2563), was read a second time.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tributes.

Mark Carron.

During the session, the Speaker took the Chair and, at the request of Representatives Marsi of Charlton and Smola of Warren, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of longtime Southbridge resident and former Massachusetts State Representative Mark J. Carron, who passed away on October 18th, 2025, at the age of 63.

The towns of Southbridge, Warren and the 6th Worcester District are grateful for Mr. Carron's 30 plus years of dedicated public service and volunteerism within the town of Southbridge in multiple capacities, including Town Councilor.

In 1999 Mr. Carron was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives and served three plus terms representing Southbridge, Charlton, Dudley, Sturbridge and Oxford, where he faithfully served his community.

He is survived by his loving partner Carrie Nault, ex-wife and friend Cynthia Keene, children Alyxxandria, Cole, Kenz, Michael and Christopher; his stepdaughters Olivia, Kaitlyn and Emma, and his 5 granddaughters, as well as his mother Ann, his brother Jeffery, and his sister Nancy. He was predeceased by his stepfather Roger.

The entire Southern Worcester County community sends their love and support to the entire Carron Family.

Honorable Judge Leslie Harris.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Fluker-Reid of Boston, Worrell of Boston and Tyler of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence in memory of the Honorable Judge Leslie Harris, who passed away on October 15th.

He was a devoted father, husband, son, uncle, and friend who was known by all for his kindness and integrity. Judge Harris dedicated his life to youth and justice, becoming a champion of diversity and a mentor to countless students and young people. He was a former judge at the Suffolk Juvenile Court and one of the founding members of the BC Law Black Alumni Network. Prior to his judgeship, he served as an elementary school teacher at the New School for Children in Roxbury, as the METCO Coordinator in Melrose, a public defender in Boston, and the Chief of the Juvenile Division at the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. He later taught at local institutions including the Museum of Afro-American History and Salem State.

He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who continue to honor his legacy.

Dennis Rosa.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Representative Higgins of Leominster, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence in memory of former Representative Dennis Rosa, who passed away on Wednesday October 22, surrounded by his family, after an illness.

Dennis owned and operated American Auto Body Repair and DJ'S Discount Auto Body Supplies both in Leominster.

He served our Nation during The Vietnam War as a member of The United States Air Force from 1968 to 1974 and was discharged with the rank of E-5.

His political career included State Representative, serving the Fourth Worcester District from 2008-2017, and he previously served as Councilor-at-Large on the Leominster City Council from 1990-2009.

Dennis was pre-deceased by the love of his life, his wife Deborah (Kinsey) Rosa in 2008. He leaves his son Scott and his wife Sarah (Sebren) Rosa, a daughter Amy and her husband Paul Roux, seven grandchildren, and many more loved ones and great friends who miss him deeply.

Statement of Representative Ferguson of Holden.

A statement of Ms. Ferguson of Holden was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Ferguson of Holden.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a family scheduling conflict. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 97 to 100, inclusive, and Nos. 103 and 104, and in the negative on Yea and Nay Nos. 101 and 102. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Kane of Shrewsbury.

A statement of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Kane of Shrewsbury.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to international travel. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 97 to 100, inclusive, and Nos. 103 and 104, and in the negative on Yea and Nay Nos. 101 and 102. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Guests of the House.

Uxbridge 9U Cal Ripken summer baseball team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess, and introduced seated in the House Chamber, the Uxbridge 9U Cal Ripken summer baseball team, who won their district championship and the Western Massachusetts State Championship this past summer. At the invitation of the Chair, the team participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representatives Soter of Bellingham and McKenna of Sutton and Senator Fattman.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barber of Somerville, Boldyga of Southwick and Ferrante of Gloucester had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Order.

Housing,— extension of time for reporting.

An Order (filed by Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ramos of North Andover) relative to extending until Monday, November 17, 2025 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4655) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ultrino of Malden, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Constitutional Convention,— application rescinding.

Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Creem presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Cynthia Stone Creem for the adoption of resolutions to rescind all prior Article V Constitutional Convention applications; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ultrino of Malden, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolutions) was referred to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Marlborough,— land.

By Representative Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to the recording of a confirmatory deed by the Commonwealth of a certain parcel of land in the city of Marlborough to Louis G. Monti, Jr., of said city.

Veterinary youth day.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate May 2 as veterinary youth day.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

Monson,— select board.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2668) of Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) for legislation to the increase [sic] the membership of the select board of the town of Monson, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Commission,—wastewater.

Of the Bill establishing a coastal waters wastewater financing commission (House, No. 1000); and

Public libraries.

Of the Bill addressing challenges facing public libraries and digital resource collections (House, No. 3595);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Healthcare workers.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill providing safeguards for home healthcare workers (House, No. 2364).

Memory care assisted living.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill instructing the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to study the feasibility of absorbing oversight of all "memory care" assisted living facilities and units in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2366).

Longterm care,—training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to creating accessible CNA training (House, No. 2381).

Patient handling and mobility.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to safe patient handling and mobility in certain health facilities (House, No. 2396) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Home health and hospice.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to staffing at home health and hospice agencies (House, No. 2408).

Health care applicants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve access to family physicians (House, No. 2451) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Emergency medical services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to emergency medical services oversight (House, No. 2473).

Physician practices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting the interests of patients in the event of the sale, relocation or closure of certain physician practices (House, No. 2478).

Health disparities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to LGBTQ+ health disparities (House, No. 2501).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Public employee leave,—study.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission on paid family and medical leave for public employees (House, No. 2070). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Adopted children,—medical history.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to the family medical history of adopted children (House, No. 244).

Office of youth development.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an office of youth development (House, No. 293).

Family and sibling bonds,—foster children.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 268, 269 and 270, a Bill to preserve family and sibling bonds for children in foster care (House, No. 4656).

Remote employees.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill securing the application of Massachusetts law to

employees of employers incorporated or operating in Massachusetts who provide their labor and services remotely (House, No. 2090).

Collective bargaining rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to collective bargaining rights of Massachusetts employees (House, No. 2097).

Parking cash-out.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2154, a Bill establishing parking cash-out (House, No. 4658).

Nursing workforce center.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill establishing a nursing workforce center (House, No. 2397).

Provider safety education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to finance the Betsy Lehman Center's statewide provider health care safety education pilot program (House, No. 2476).

Trauma kits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2557, a Bill relative to requiring trauma kits in public buildings (House, No. 4659).

MBTA,— retirement.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain employees of the MBTA advisory board (House, No. 2991).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Scituate,— liquor licenses.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4184, a Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to issue four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4657).

Privileged communication.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relating to privileged communication between individuals and their labor organizations (House, No. 2087).

Teacher strikes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to teacher strikes (House, No. 3949).

Local retirees,— insurance.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to protecting local retirees (House, No. 2799).

Retirement boards.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the fifth member of the public employee retirement systems (House, No. 2813).

Brookline,— special police.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the appointment or [sic] retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Brookline (House, No. 2992) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

Kathleen Rodrigue,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rodrigue, an employee of the office of chief medical examiner (see House, No. 4521, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

Recess.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and nine minutes after two o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

Financial literacy.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the strengthening of financial literacy throughout the commonwealth (House, No. 627), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to personal financial literacy education (House, No. 4670). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—yea and nay No. 97.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed (the Speaker having taken the Chair) the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Gordon of Bedford; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 97 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4670) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Biliteracy seal.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill expanding student access to the state seal of biliteracy (House, No. 629), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4671). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (the Speaker being in the Chair), there being no objection, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—yea and nay No. 98.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Lewis of Framingham; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 98 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4671) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Student literacy.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to teacher preparation and student literacy (House, No. 4642), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4672). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (the Speaker being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Pease of Westfield moved to amend it in section 10, in line 138, by inserting after the word "department" the words "provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall provide funding, subject to appropriation, sufficient to cover the costs incurred by school districts to implement the screening assessments and progress monitoring required under this section, including but not limited to costs associated with assessment tools, data management, staff training, and parent communications.".

After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Mrs. Sullivan-Almeida of Abington then moved to amend the bill in section 10, in lines 134, 142 and 146, by striking out the word "significantly" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words "at risk of falling".

Amendments rejected,— yea and nay No. 99.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 23 members voted in the affirmative and 131 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 99 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Ms. Decker of Cambridge then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 11 the following section:

"SECTION 11A. Item 1596-2437 of section 2F of chapter 9 of the acts of 2025 is hereby amended by striking out clauses (iv) and (v) and inserting in place thereof the following clauses:- (iv) the coordination and alignment of assessment and screening, curriculum and professional development across the departments of early education and care and elementary and secondary education; (v) other professional learning initiatives and supports related to literacy assessment, measurement and instruction for specific groups of learners or specific evidence based materials; and (vi) investing in public school libraries and the hiring by school districts of reading specialists, reading interventionists, literacy coordinators, school librarians, library aides, education support professionals or other staff to support student reading and literacy development; provided, that such staff shall be employees of the school district.".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member, and on the roll call 140 members voted in the affirmative and 15 in the negative. Amendment adopted,— yea and nay No. 100.

[See Yea and Nay No. 100 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Decker of Cambridge then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 11A (inserted by amendment) the following section:

"SECTION 11B. (a) The department of elementary and secondary education, in collaboration with stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc. and the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc., shall study and make recommendations relative to the education workforce in public school districts in the area of reading and literacy development.

(b) The study and recommendations shall include, but shall not be limited to, an analysis of: (i) existing student access to public school libraries and its impact on student reading and literacy and recommendations to ensure equitable access to school libraries for all students; and (ii) data reported by school districts to the department of elementary and secondary education on the number of reading specialists, reading interventionists, literacy coordinators, school librarians, library aides, education support professionals and other staff employed by the district that directly support student reading and literacy development and the development of recommended staffing levels based on that analysis. The staffing levels recommended by the department shall be differentiated for school districts based on the unique learning needs of districts' student populations, including, but not limited to, the number of low-income students, emergent bilingual learners and students with disabilities enrolled in a school district.

(c) Not later than December 31, 2026, the department shall submit a report on its study and recommendations to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education. The report shall include an estimated cost for school districts to come into compliance with the recommended staffing levels.".

On the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member, and on the roll call 133 members voted in the affirmative and 22 in the negative. Amendment adopted,— yea and nay No. 101.

[See Yea and Nay No. 101 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Ms. Decker of Cambridge then moved to amend the bill in section 2, in line 58, by inserting after the word "program" the following paragraph:

"(f) Annually, not later than October 31, each school district shall report to the department the number of reading specialists, reading interventionists, literacy coordinators, school librarians, library aides, education support professionals and other staff employed by the district that directly support student reading and literacy development."; and

By inserting after section 12 the following section:

"SECTION 12A. School districts shall begin reporting required pursuant to subsection (f) of section 1E ½ of the General Laws not later than October 31, 2026 for the 2025-2026 school year.".

On the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member, and on the roll call 133 members voted in the affirmative and 22 in the negative. Amendment adopted,— yea and nay

[See Yea and Nay No. 102 in Supplement.] No. 102.

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Connolly of Cambridge then moved to amend the bill in section 2, in line 24, by inserting after the word "three-cueing" the following: "; provided, that curricula selected to meet a curriculum framework for kindergarten through grade 3 literacy may use pictures as a supplement to support reading and literacy; and provided further, that said curriculum that uses pictures shall be in compliance with subsection (c).".

On the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair) 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative. Amendment adopted,— yea and nay No. 103.

[See Yea and Nay No. 103 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Gordon of Bedford; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative. Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 104.

[See Yea and Nay No. 104 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4683, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Ms. Higgins of Leominster moves that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Dennis A. Rosa, a member of the House from Leominster from 2009 to 2016, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Jones of North Reading then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at eleven minutes before five o'clock P.M. (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, October 30, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Boston,—Age Strong Senior Civic Academy.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members from the city of Boston's Age Strong Senior Civic Academy, who were at the Statehouse to learn about state government. They were the guests of Representatives Biele of Boston, Consalvo of Boston, Honan of Boston, Worrell of Boston and MacGregor of Boston.

Eric Connolly and Kevin Flaherty.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, Eric Connolly, Kevin Flaherty and students from Springfield College, who were visiting the State House advocating in support of physical therapists. Eric is the proud owner of Blackstone Valley Physical Therapy Services, and Kevin is the owner of Flaherty Physical Therapy in Northborough. They were the guests of Representative Muradian of Grafton.

Hokkaido, Japan,—Nanae High students.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students and teachers from Nanae High School. Nanae is located in our Japanese sister-state Hokkaido and is the sister-city of Concord. They were the guests of Representative Gentile of Sudbury.

Order.

Housing,—extension of time for reporting.

An Order (filed by Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ramos of North Andover) relative to extending until Monday, November 17, 2025 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4682) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Supplemental appropriations.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4615, amended) came from the Senate with the endorsement

that said branch had insisted on its amendment (in which the House had non-concurred).

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had concurred with the House in appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Rodrigues, Comeford and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate. Committee of conference.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2682) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to require equitable funding for non-regional school districts with high transportation costs; and Schools,— transportation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2683) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to eliminate predatory transportation pricing of school districts; Id.

Severally to the committee on Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2680) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to improve public health and safety standards in communities around aging nuclear power plants and high-level nuclear waste dump sites; and Nuclear power.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2681) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to establish safety standards for BMX bicycle and motorcross tracks; Bicycles,— safety.

Severally to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Joint petition (accompanied by resolutions, Senate, No. 2684) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Alice Hanlon Peisch for resolutions to rescind all prior Article V Constitutional Convention applications. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. Article V applications.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Badger for legislation to establish to a board of registration of licensed mental health counselors. To the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. Mental health counselors.

Petition accompanied by bill) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to the training, certification, and recognition of constables and civil deputy sheriffs. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Constables and civil deputy sheriffs

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Peter J. Durant relative to the retirement benefits of Dale R. Kiley, a retired state trooper. To the committee on Public Service. Dale Kiley,— retirement.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Honan of Boston, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to eligibility for veteran license plates (House, No. 3657); License plates.

Relative to school bus transportation professionals (House, No. 3715); School bus drivers.

Relative to any vacancy among town meeting members in Milford (House, No. 4171) [Local Approval Received]; Milford,— vacancies.

Fairhaven,—special police.

Relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4234) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hudson,—charter.

Amending the charter of the town of Hudson (House, No. 4503) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of the same member, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Long-term services,—study.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill establishing a special commission on a statewide long-term services and supports benefit program (House, No. 4559) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Norwood,—hospital.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the University of Massachusetts Building Authority to purchase and construct a hospital in the town of Norwood to be operated by UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc (House, No. 3410). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Higher education,—capital improvements.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 54, a Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4693). Referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Emergency medical staffing.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill establishing a commission on municipal emergency medical service staffing levels and workforce development (House, No. 2587).

Public events,—safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to ensure the safety and sustainability of non-profit public events (House, No. 2724).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Public safety building authority.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill creating a municipal and public safety building authority (House, No. 2571).

Suffolk County,—pre-arraignment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to codify the Suffolk County Sheriff's authority to provide pre-arraignment care of arrestees (House, No. 2578).

Public ways,—spills.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to liquid or gas flammable material spills on public ways (House, No. 2622).

Unsolved crimes,—DNA.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill permitting familial searching and partial DNA matches in investigating certain unsolved crimes (House, No. 2626).

Missing and abducted children.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts policy and procedures for missing and abducted children (House, No. 2671, changed in section 2, in line 27, by striking out the year: "2026" and inserting in place thereof the year: "2027", and in section 3, in line 28, by striking out the year: "2027" and inserting in place thereof the year: "2028").

Fuel gas detectors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the requirement of fuel gas alarms/detectors (House, No. 2689).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a public safety building authority and assistance program (House, No. 2696). Public safety building authority.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to overdose fatalities (House, No. 2727). Overdose fatalities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to missing Black women and girls in Massachusetts (House, No. 2732). Missing Black women and girls.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing safety standards for BMX bicycle and motorcross tracks (House, No. 2740). BMX and motorcross.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill establishing a jail and prison construction moratorium (House, No. 3422). Prisons,— construction moratorium.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3352, a Bill relative to a certain parcel of land in the town of Norton (House, No. 4660). Norton,— land.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Bridgewater Town Charter amendment Article IV, Section 4-3, Town Manager Powers of Appointment (House, No. 4579) [Local Approval Received]. Bridgewater,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the select board of the town of Berlin (House, No. 4580) [Local Approval Received]. Berlin,— select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Ludlow to pay a certain unpaid bill (House, No. 4589) [Local Approval Received]. Ludlow,— unpaid bill.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to preserving the ancient privileges of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (House, No. 2666). Artillery company.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2602, a Bill relative to notice of activation of the Massachusetts National Guard within the Commonwealth (House, No. 4664) [Representatives Xiarhos of Barnstable and Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting]. National Guard,— activation.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill establishing the official marine flora of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3285). Official marine flora.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month (House, No. 3288). Adopt a shelter dog month.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the fourth Thursday in march [sic] as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day (House, No. 3306). Tuskegee Airmen commemoration day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome Awareness Day (House, No. 3366). Okur-Chung syndrome day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Domestic Workers' Rights Day (House, No. 3417). Domestic workers' rights day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the official sedimentary structure of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3438). Sedimentary structure.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Rodrigue, an employee of the office of chief medical examiner (see House, No. 4521, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Extending residency requirements for members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of the city of Newton (House, No. 2335);

Allowing the town of Williamstown to expand financial eligibility for senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3026);

Amending the town manager act of Arlington relative to the appointment and management of the town clerk (House, No. 4135);

Relative to charter changes for the town of Longmeadow (House, No. 4312); and

Relative to the charter of the town of Swampscott establishing a fall annual town meeting (House, No. 4438);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, November 3, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

New England Board of Higher Education.

That (under the provisions of Chapter 589 of the Acts of 1954) he had appointed Representative Garballey of Arlington to the New England Board of Higher Education;

Early education workforce council.

That (under the provisions of Section 79 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) he had appointed Representatives Garcia of Chelsea and Gordon of Bedford to the Early Education and Care Workforce Council to make recommendations on improving and enhancing professional development and higher education opportunities necessary for the growth and stability of a high quality early education and care workforce;

Early education advisory council.

That (under the provisions of Section 3A of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) he had appointed Representatives Gordon of Bedford, Howard of Lowell and Lewis of Framingham to the State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care;

Local and regional public health.

That (under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Resolves of 2016 and most recently revived and continued by Section 308 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Kerans of Danvers to the special commission on local and regional public health to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of municipal and regional public health systems and to make recommendations regarding how to strengthen the delivery of public health services and preventive measures; and

Status of Women.

That (under the provisions of Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws), he had appointed Whitney Dodds, LMHC, Melissa Ferretti of Buzzards Bay and Emily Wilson, Ph.D. of Plymouth to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women.

Communications were received from the Speaker announcing that he had appointed:

Anti-hunger task force.

Representatives Arena-DeRosa of Holliston and Kane of Shrewsbury to serve on the Governor's Anti-Hunger Task Force established (under Executive Order 643) to advise the Governor on the development of long-term, sustainable solutions for addressing hunger, food insecurity, and associated economic hardships impacting people, families and communities in Massachusetts; and

PILOT for state owned land.

Representatives Blais of Deerfield and Lewis of Framingham to serve on the Commission on PILOT for State Owned Land charged (under Executive Order 645) with advising the Governor on potential reforms to the PILOT program.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Truro,— pesticides.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4700) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) that the town of Truro be authorized to regulate the use of pesticides in said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Orange,— selectmen.

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4701) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Orange be authorized to increase the membership of the board of selectmen of said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Leominster,— Civil service law exemption.

By Representative Higgins of Leominster and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4702) of Natalie M. Higgins and John J. Cronin (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the positions of police lieutenant and police sergeant in the city of Leominster be exempt from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Truro,— real estate transfer fee.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4703) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) that the town of Truro be authorized to impose a 0.5% real estate transfer fee in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Bradford Merkel,— police exam.

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Durant, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., that Bradford G. Merkel be authorized to take the state police examination notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Beach review process.

By Representative Sweezey of Duxbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth P. Sweezey for legislation to establish a review process of guidelines for managing recreational use of beaches to protect piping plovers, terns and their habitats.

Habitat conservation.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth P. Sweezey relative to the Massachusetts Habitat Conservation Plan.

Recreational beach access.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth P. Sweezey relative to over-sand vehicle access and other recreational activities on beaches.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Millbury,— town meeting.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments) recommending legislation validating the proceedings at the Millbury annual town meeting (Senate, No. 2678), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Plymouth,— town meeting.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments) recommending legislation to

ratify all acts and proceedings of the representative town meeting held since March 18, 2020 and all acts taken by Plymouth's elected and appointed officials since April 11, 2015 (Senate, No. 2679), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Zero-emission vehicles,— taxes.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to promote fair tax treatment for zero-emission vehicles, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Revenue.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2694) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

HVAC licensing.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for legislation to create HVAC construction supervisor licensing. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Athol-Royalston school district.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Susannah M. Whipps relative to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District Financial Stability Fund. To the committee on Education.

Zero-emission vehicles.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Amy Mah Sangiolo relative to taxes for zero-emission vehicles. To the committee on Revenue.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Amy Tanguay,— sick leave.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amy Tanguay (House, No. 4647). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Disabled veterans.

Relative to tax abatement for permanently disabled veterans (House, No. 3115);

Firefighters.

Providing for line-of-duty death benefits for firefighters (House, No. 3188);

Building trades.

Establishing building trades recovery week (House, No. 3358); and

Haverhill,— Adam Jankowski.

Authorizing Adam T. Jankowski to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4178) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Internet slander,— study.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on House, No. 73, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning internet slander (House, No. 4678) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Land,— study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3296, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning land (House, No. 4679) [Representatives Tyler of Boston and Davis of Great Barrington dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3443, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning land (House, No. 4680) [Representatives Tyler of Boston and Davis of Great Barrington and dissenting].

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Low-income workers,— job retention.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill creating a special legislative commission to study barriers to job retention for low-income workers (House, No. 2140). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Educator diversity.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to teacher pathways and educator diversity (House, No. 624).

LGBTQ+ curriculum.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 599, a Bill relative to LGBTQ+ inclusive framework (House, No. 4665).

Natural carbon sequestration.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill to promote natural carbon sequestration (House, No. 958) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Air quality,— airport justice communities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving air quality in airport environmental justice communities (House, No. 997) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Employee free speech.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1653, a Bill protecting employee free speech (House, No. 4674) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Animal cruelty.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1934, a Bill preventing animal cruelty (House, No. 4675) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Four-day work week.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to a four-day work week pilot program (House, No. 2065).

Job training,— ESOL.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote economic mobility through ESOL (House, No. 2080).

Workforce development.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to make data on workforce development outcomes public and accessible (House, No. 2171).

Labor rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2086, a Bill protecting labor and abolishing barriers to organizing rights (House, No. 4681).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

DCR,— Title IX compliance.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill relative to Department of Conservation and Recreation Title IX compliance (House, No. 1068) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Civil rights.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relative to civil rights (House, No. 1641) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Behavioral health centers,— first responders.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1637, a Bill protecting first responders and enhancing access to behavioral health centers (House, No. 4673) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Tort actions,— latent diseases.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1967, a Bill relative to tort actions for latent diseases (House, No. 4676) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Cannabis use,— employment.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting employment discrimination based on the legal use of cannabis (House, No. 2179).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Taunton,— Edward Walsh.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to continue the employment of police chief Edward J. Walsh (House, No. 2810), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Emergency Measure.

Candy Pike,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Candy J. Pike, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 4514), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Bills enacted.

Establishing a special fund for the festival of the hills receipts for the town of Conway (see House, No. 2251);

Authorizing the city of Watertown to lease property located at 124 Watertown street (see House, No. 4205);

Changing the term of the elected office of moderator in the town of Holden (see House, No. 4211); and

Updating the linkage exaction program in the city of Medford (see House, No. 4252);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Sharon,—land.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 1024, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish fines related to parking violations (Senate, No. 2528), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third reading bills.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Somerset to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 4286); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4587) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Jeanne McCarron,—sick leave.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeanne McCarron, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles (House, No. 4624) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the registry of motor vehicles, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4624, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At fifteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Cabral of New Bedford.

A statement of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Cabral of New Bedford.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of October 29th. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 97, 98 and 100 to 104, inclusive, and in the negative on Yea and Nay No. 99.

Statement of Representative Fiola of Fall River.

A statement of Ms. Fiola of Fall River was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Fiola of Fall River.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside of the State House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 105, 106 and 107. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Kane of Shrewsbury.

A statement of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Kane of Shrewsbury.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to international travel. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 105, 106 and 107. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Sangiolo of Newton.

A statement of Mrs. Sangiolo of Newton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Sangiolo of

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled family commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the

affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 105, 106 and 107. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated. Newton.

Statement of Representative Schwartz of Newton.

A statement of Mr. Schwartz of Newton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 105, 106 and 107. Statement of Representative Schwartz of Newton.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barber of Somerville, Ferrante of Gloucester and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting. Remote participation.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) congratulating the Williamsburg Grange "Burgy" #225 on the celebration of its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary; and Williamsburg Grange "Burgy" 225.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Soter of Bellingham and McKenna of Sutton) congratulating fire captain Melissa Blodgett on the occasion of her retirement; Melissa Blodgett.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Representatives Gentile of Sudbury and Cataldo of Concord presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4713) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Simon Cataldo and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) relative to ranked choice voting in the town of Concord; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Concord,— ranked choice voting.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill revising the charter of the city of Lynn (House, No. 4149, amended) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2693. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Lynn,— charter.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jonathan Cadigan, an employee of the Bristol County Sheriff's department, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Public Service. Jonathan Cadigan,— sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2695) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Leigh Davis relative to the board of water commissioners of the Dalton fire district. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Dalton,— fire district.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James Arciero that a certain bridge on Gorham Street in the town of Chelmsford be designated as the Ferreira brothers bridge. To the committee on Transportation. Chelmsford,— bridge.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4019) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to compensation for warranty service labor,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Warranty service labor,— compensation.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to affordable car rentals (Senate, No. 2616), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4705. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Car rentals.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2616, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, No. 2205, a Bill expanding loan repayment assistance for Primary care physicians,— loan repayment.

primary care physicians working in integrated primary and behavioral health care settings (House, No. 4666).

Mental health,—access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2207, a Bill building resilience and increasing access to mental health services (House, No. 4667).

Perinatal health care workforce.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2208, a Bill to establish a perinatal behavioral health care workforce trust fund (House, No. 4668).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Housing data,—municipalities.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill improving municipal access to general existing housing data (House, No. 1543) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Rental voucher program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill codifying the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (House, No. 1547) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Replaced public housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to PILOT agreements on replaced public housing (House, No. 1550).

Public housing,—renovation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Affordable Homes Act (House, No. 1551).

Interagency housing board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to create an interagency supportive housing finance and strategy board (House, No. 1552).

Housing production.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill setting a housing production goal for the Commonwealth (House, No. 1560).

Rent control boards,—training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for pre-service training for members of mobile home rent control boards (House, No. 1565).

Housing,—access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote access to housing and improve educational outcomes (House, No. 1570).

Short-term housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting housing stability for older adults across the Commonwealth (House, No. 4015).

Continuum of care.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, No. 2226, a Bill relative to studying and improving the continuum of care for persons with mental health, substance use and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (House, No. 4669).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Emergency Measures.

Sharon,—land.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (see House, No. 1024, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Eric Iwaniec,—sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Eric J. Iwaniec, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 1590, amended),

having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish fines related to parking violations (see Senate, No. 2528) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill to allow the town of Hingham to use municipal property as the location for a center for active living (House, No. 4314), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Second reading bill.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to continue the employment of police chief Edward J. Walsh (House, No. 2810), was read a second time; and was ordered to a third reading.

Dedham Westwood Water District.

The House Bill relative to employees of the Dedham Westwood Water District (House, No. 2917), reported the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in line 3, by striking out the following: “Within 60 days after the effective date of the provisions of this act, the” and inserting in place thereof the word “The”; and

By adding the following section:

“SECTION 2. The Norfolk county retirement system shall submit its request to the public employee retirement administration commission seeking a legal determination from the commission’s tax counsel pursuant to section 2 of chapter 192 of the acts of 2014 within 60 days after the effective date of this act.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

Recess.

At twenty-nine minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o’clock P.M.; and seventeen minutes before two o’clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

Individuals with disabilities.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill amending certain laws relative to individuals with disabilities (Senate, No. 2563), ought to pass with amendments by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4704; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities". Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, the amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2563, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Livingstone of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—yea and nay No. 105.

After debate on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 105 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 2563, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Home care.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to improve Massachusetts home care (House, No. 4306), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4706). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Stanley of Waltham, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Kushmerek of Fitchburg and other members of the House moved to amend it by inserting after section 2 the following:

"SECTION 2A. (a) There shall be established a special legislative commission, pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws, to conduct a comprehensive study on family caregiving policy in the commonwealth, including (i) an evaluation

of all state-funded efforts in caregiving research, clinical care, institutional and home-based and community-based services and supports, and (ii) an investigation into the potential fiscal, access and quality impacts of allowing spouses to serve as paid caregivers in the MassHealth program.

(b) The special legislative commission shall consist of the chairs of the joint committee on aging and independence, who shall serve as co-chairs; 1 member of the senate to be appointed by the senate president; 1 member of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker; 1 member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; the secretary of aging and independence, or a designee; the secretary of health and human services, or a designee; the commissioner of public health, or a designee, the commissioner of the department of mental health, or a designee; the commissioner of the department of developmental services, or a designee; the assistant secretary for MassHealth, or a designee; the secretary of labor and workforce development, or a designee; and 12 persons to be appointed by the governor in a manner that promotes geographic and demographic diversity, 1 of whom shall be a family caregiver advocate, 1 of whom shall be a family caregiver, 1 of whom shall be a health care provider, 2 of whom shall be representatives of state-based academic institutions, including 1 representative who shall be a gerontologist, 1 representative from the Association for Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts Council for Adult Foster Care, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative from Massachusetts Aging Access Associating, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative from the Seven Hills Foundation, Inc., and 1 of whom shall be a representative from ARC Massachusetts, Inc.

(c) (1) The study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the following: (i) the anticipated costs of allowing spouses to serve as paid caregivers in the MassHealth program; (ii) the potential savings from supporting home-based care in lieu of institutional care; (iii) the anticipated impact of allowing spouses to serve as paid caregivers in the MassHealth program to access to care, quality of care, and quality of life; (iv) the policies of other states regarding spousal caregivers and the costs, savings, access, quality of care, and quality of life impacts associated with such policies; and (v) any federal approvals, statutory changes and regulatory changes necessary for the commonwealth to allow spouses to serve as paid caregivers in the MassHealth program.

(2) The special legislative commission shall consult with the health policy commission established under chapter 6D of the General Laws. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the special legislative commission and the health policy commission may request from the division of medical assistance, the center for health information and analysis and the executive office of aging and independence any information necessary to conduct the study required under this section, and each such agency shall provide the requested information.

(d) The special commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the senate and house committees on ways and means, the joint committee on health care financing and the joint committee on aging and independence by not later than December 1, 2026.”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by the years and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Amendment adopted,— yea and nay No. 106.

[See Yea and Nay No. 106 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Stanley of Waltham; and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 107.

[See Yea and Nay No. 107 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4706, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

Representatives Donato of Medford, Barber of Somerville and Garballey of Arlington moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of George L. Sacco, Jr., a member of the House from Medford from 1963 to 1974, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-four minutes after three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Thursday, November 6, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Prayer.

Anthony Duignan.

At the request of Representative Kassner of Hamilton, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of Anthony Duignan, a military veteran and longtime resident of Hamilton, who passed away on Saturday October 25, 2025.

Anthony was born in 1949 in County Cavan, Ireland, the son of the late James and Margaret Duignan. He graduated from Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School in 1967, then served in the U.S. Air Force until honorably discharged in 1972 as a Staff Sergeant.

Anthony worked in jet assembly at GE in Lynn for 39 years. He was passionately involved with the A.P. Gardner Post #194 in Hamilton for many years, serving as a Commander several times. Former Representative Brad Hill stated that there had never been a Veterans Day or Memorial Day event where Tony was not involved. He will be greatly missed by his fellow veterans.

Anthony is survived by his daughter, Jacqulyn, his son Michael, his longtime partner Mary O'Neil, and his siblings and grandchildren.

Bruce Higgins.

At the request of Representatives MacGregor of Boston, Consalvo of Boston, Rogers of Norwood and Lawn of Watertown, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in memory of Bruce Higgins, who passed away on November 2, 2025.

Detective Higgins was an active Boston Police Detective and a 1993 graduate of Catholic Memorial. After graduation, he entered a career in public service, and in his free time, he continued to give back by coaching basketball at Catholic Memorial High School.

Detective Higgins received several commendations from the Commissioner and was a recipient of the Massachusetts Police Association Medal of Valor and the prestigious Trooper George L. Hanna Medal of Valor.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Lori, his daughter, Maddie, and his son, Ryan.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose and Wong of Saugus) congratulating Fire Chief Michael Sullivan of the town of Wakefield on his retirement; and

Michael Sullivan.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) congratulating Joan Smith on the occasion of her retirement from the Abington Public Schools as school nurse;

Joan Smith.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

An Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Sunday, December 7, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Public Health,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4715) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Barnstable County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Barnstable,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Berkshire County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Berkshire,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Bristol County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Bristol,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Dukes County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Dukes,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Essex County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Essex,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Franklin County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Franklin,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampden County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Hampden,— correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Hampshire County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Hampshire,— correctional facility data.

Middlesex,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Middlesex County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Norfolk,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Norfolk County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Plymouth,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Suffolk,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Suffolk County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025; and

Worcester,—correctional facility data.

From the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (see Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Worcester County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Pittsfield,—charter.

By Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4716) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Pittsfield; and

Orange,—town meeting.

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4717) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to the annual town meeting for the town of Orange.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Newton,—police.

By Representative Sangiolo of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4718) of Amy Mah Sangiolo, Greg Schwartz and Cynthia Stone Creem (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers in the city of Newton. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows

Attleboro,—manufactured housing.

By Representative Hawkins of Attleboro and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the establishment of a board to oversee use and occupancy payments for manufactured housing community accommodations in the city of Attleboro.

Presidential electors.

By Representative Hong of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tara T. Hong relative to presidential electors.

Legal repossessions.

By Representative Marsi of Charlton (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Craig Ahearn relative to legal repossessions.

No-cost calls.

By Representative Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to no-cost calls for incarcerated individuals.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to protect assisted living residents from unfair and deceptive billing practices, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Housing.

Assisted living,— billing.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2701) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Housing.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Christopher M. Markey and Steven George Xiarhos for legislation to establish penalties for reckless or negligent operation of a vehicle and hindering the movement of other vehicles. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Vehicles,— penalties.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate May 2 as veterinary youth day. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Veterinary youth day.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to the Great Barrington Fire District (House, No. 924);

Fire district.

Relative to a technical change to the George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund (House, No. 1064);

Inland Fisheries and Game Fund.

Relative to teacher strikes (House, No. 3949);

Teacher strikes.

Amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington (House, No. 4502) [Local Approval Received];

Arlington,— town manager.

Authorizing the town of Ludlow to pay a certain unpaid bill (House, No. 4589) [Local Approval Received]; and

Ludlow,— unpaid bill.

Authorizing the town of Scituate to issue four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4657);

Scituate,— liquor licenses.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 317, 326, 328, 329, 353, 370, 382, 408, 412, 422, 429, 437, 456, 459, 460, 464 and 471, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to professional licensure, liquor licenses and safety (House, No. 4677). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure,— study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill establishing a commission on aging disabled adults (House, No. 4558) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Aging disabled adults.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill to establish an amputation prevention task force (House, No. 2433) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Amputation prevention.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill promoting housing stability for families by strengthening the HomeBASE program (House, No. 1469). HomeBASE program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting geographic equity in state-funded housing development (House, No. 1471). Public housing,—equity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to create affordable homes for persons with disabilities (House, No. 1481). Housing,—vouchers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an accessory dwelling unit trust fund (House, No. 1482). Dwelling units,—trust fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote affordable housing (House, No. 1485). Affordable housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing upstream homelessness prevention assistance to families, youth, and adults (House, No. 1488) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting]. RAFT program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for energy assistance during the summer months (House, No. 1495). Energy cost assistance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1496 and 1566, a Bill relative to residential assistance for families in transition (RAFT) (House, No. 1496). RAFT program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill addressing affordable housing (House, No. 1500). Affordable housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to home remodeling programs for seniors and people with disabilities (House, No. 1502). Home remodeling programs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts rental assistance and financial stability program (House, No. 1511) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting]. Rental assistance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to transform the Commonwealth's emergency response system and create housing strategies to end the homelessness of unaccompanied adults (House, No. 1515). Housing emergency response system.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to housing authority executive director contracts (House, No. 1517). Housing authority executive directors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to housing service coordinators (House, No. 1519). Housing service coordinators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1473, a Bill to expand housing opportunities through homesharing (House, No. 4695). Homesharing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1542, a Bill to study single-stair residential buildings (House, No. 4699) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting]. Single-stair residential buildings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1493, a Bill allowing movable tiny houses as permanent residential dwellings and accessory dwelling units (House, No. 4707). Tiny houses.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on House, No. 1472, a Bill relative to increasing affordable and public housing options (House, No. 4694). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Affordable housing.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the appointment of alternate members to the conservation commission of the town of Swampscott (Senate, No. 23), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Third reading bill.

House bills

Authorizing the continued employment of Steven A. Hilliger, firefighter of the town of Lancaster (House, No. 2879);

Providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Becket (House, No. 3977); and

Designating the Weider Park tennis courts as the Kim O'Connell tennis courts (House, No. 4259); Third reading bills.

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, November 10, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communications.

Communications

MassBiologics.

From the University of Massachusetts Medical School (see Section 43(f) of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting a report of the activities of the MassBiologics Laboratories for fiscal year 2025;

Department of Correction.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 1(p) and Section 6 of Chapter 124 and Section 1B of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its calendar year 2022 annual report;

Diversion report.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see item 7004-0100 Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report to divert families from emergency assistance shelters; and

Clean energy.

From the Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience (see Section 115 of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024) submitting an interim report from the Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Coordinating Council promoting a clean energy grid, advancing equity and protecting ratepayers;

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

Abuser registry.

The annual report of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (under Section 15(f) of Chapter 19C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2025 Summary of the Abuser Registry; and

License fees.

A report of the Division of Banks (under Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) relative to changes to certain fees charged for licenses;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Holyoke,—special meetings.

By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4738) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to special meetings of the city council of the city of Holyoke; and

Hull,— light plant.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4739) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) relative to the operation of the municipal light plant in the town of Hull.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,— Ryan Cazeau.

By Representative MacGregor of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4740) of William F. MacGregor (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Ryan Cazeau as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Boston,— Edny Joseph.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4741) of William F. MacGregor (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Edny Joseph as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Pelham,— Gary Thomann.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4742) of Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Pelham be authorized to continue the employment of Gary L. Thomann as police chief in said town.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

School choice.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John Barrett, III relative to school choice.

Insurance,— discrimination.

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Rogers relative to prohibiting genetic discrimination in insurance.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Palmer,— liquor licenses.

The House Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Palmer to grant 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4282, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2673. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Bills

Adjutant general.

Clarifying the duties of the adjutant general (Senate, No. 2709) (on Senate bill No. 2678, amended); and

Military families.

To enhance access, inclusion, support and equity for military connected families (Senate, No. 2709) (on Senate bill No. 2676, amended);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Service animals,— discrimination.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation to study discrimination in public accommodation for individuals with service animals, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2714) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon that the Center for Health Information and Analysis be authorized to conduct an analysis of eliminating or capping co-pays for mental and behavioral health services. To the committee on Health Care Financing. Co-pays,— elimination.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to no-cost calls for incarcerated individuals. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Incarcerated,— phone calls.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to including inflammatory breast cancer awareness in nursing education, Marnie's Law (House, No. 2489); Nursing,— education.

Providing for the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 4203) [Local Approval Received]; Haverhill,— candidates.

Providing for the election of candidates in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 4204) [Local Approval Received]; Id.

Validating the New Salem annual town election (House, No. 4224) [Local Approval Received]; New Salem,— election.

Amending the town charter of the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4501, changed) [Local Approval Received]; Plymouth,— charter.

Making the charter of the county on Nantucket gender neutral (House, No. 4504) [Local Approval Received]; Nantucket,— charter.

Authorizing the county of Nantucket to convey School Street situated in the town and county of Nantucket for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4505) [Local Approval Received]; and Nantucket,— land.

Relative to digital legal notices for the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4510) [Local Approval Received]; Plymouth,— notices.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill relative to medical parole (House, No. 2614), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Medical parole.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Silvia of Fall River, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 559) of Mindy Domb and Priscila S. Sousa for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the consumer impacts of electronic textbooks,— and recommending that the same be Electronic textbooks,— consumer impacts.

referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Professional licensure matters,— study.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 451 and 3939, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to professional licensure matters (House, No. 4711).

Banking,— study.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1078, 1079, 1081, 1083, 1090, 1111, 1146, 1208, 1214, 1266 and 1294, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to banking (House, No. 4712).

Sales tax exemptions,— study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 3104, 3124 and 3125, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to sales tax exemptions (House, No. 4708).

Boat sales tax,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3157, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to sales tax on boats built or rebuilt in the commonwealth (House, No. 4709) [Representative Lombardo of Billerica dissenting].

Menstrual products and the Division of Highways,— study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 3318 and 3370, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to menstrual products and the Division of Highways (House, No. 4714).

Vehicle registration and dealers,— study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, House, Nos. 3659, 3681, 3745, 3760, 3770, 3771, 3799 and 3801, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to vehicle registration and dealers (House, No. 4710).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Emergency Measures.

Vital statistics.

The engrossed Bill relative to vital statistics (see House, No. 4249, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Military service members and veterans.

The engrossed Bill designating September 22 as military service members and veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day (see House, No. 3388, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (see House, No. 1024, amended); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Eric J. Iwaniec, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 1590, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the appointment of alternate members to the conservation commission of the town of Swampscott (see Senate, No. 23) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Brookfield to continue the employment of Herbert A. Chaffee, II (Senate, No. 1830), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Relocating certain harbor lines in New Bedford Harbor (House, No. 4109); and

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Williamsburg to select board (House, No. 4524);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

South Shore Technical High School.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced students from South Shore Technical High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter, national champions in the nursery/landscape career development event at the national convention. They also placed fourth in the nation in the floral career development team event. The chair commended their skill, teamwork and dedication and wished them success.

The Chair recognized the following team members: Jake Fanceschini; Logan Perrault; Jada Falco; Paul Anderson; Mike Sorrentino; Tommy Guy; Ryan Holmes; and Justin McCann.

The Chair further acknowledged the contributions of their coaches: Tom Hart and Cassi Johnson. They were the guests of Mr. Sweezey of Duxbury.

Papers from the Senate.

Boston,—district councilor.

A Bill providing for the filling of vacancies in the office of district councilor in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 2511) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Yarmouth,—natural resources.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2712) of Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the town of Yarmouth Division of Natural Resources was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Local retirees.

Relative to protecting local retirees (House, No. 2799);

Farm land.

Relative to non-contiguous farm land (House, No. 3008);

Tuskegee Airmen.

Establishing the fourth Thursday in March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day (House, No. 3306); and

Cooperative purchasing.

To enhance cooperative purchasing opportunities for cities and towns (House, No. 3424);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Sweezey of Duxbury, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Commission,— gambling addiction.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relative to gambling addiction (House, No. 2416),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Community fridges,— food insecurity.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing community fridges to address food insecurity (House, No. 126).

SNAP,— healthy incentives.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the healthy incentives program (House, No. 129).

Commercial fishing gear.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fisheries conservation gear grant program (House, No. 1059).

Animal health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect animal health (House, No. 2319).

Farm-to-institution program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a farm-to-institution pilot program (House, No. 4106, changed in section 1, in line 28, and in section 2, in line 86, by inserting after the word “agriculture”, in each instance, the words “and fisheries”).

State Police,— wage and recruitment.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to the equality of wage and recruitment of the Massachusetts State Police (House, No. 2651).

Public safety telecommunicators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the internal benefits of public safety telecommunicators (House, No. 2663).

Hoisting machinery regulations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2639 and 2664, a Bill establishing a board of hoisting machinery regulations (House, No. 2664) [Representative Vaughn of Wrentham dissenting].

Governor’s council,— travel expense.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to reimbursing traveling expenses of governor’s council members (House, No. 3329).

Boston,— easement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to release a certain sewer line easement in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4368).

Boston,— housing and cultural space.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain affordable housing and cultural space in the Brighton section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4415) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Livestock,— definition.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill relative to the definition of livestock (House, No. 138).

Nantucket,— nutrient management.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the regulation of nutrient management and fertilizer in the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4437) [Local Approval Received].

Publicly accessible buildings.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill banning hostile architecture targeting unhoused individuals (House, No. 3307).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill relative to vital statistics (see House, No. 4249, amended) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by Her Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill designating September 22 as Military Service Members and Veterans Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day (see House, No. 3388, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Brookfield to continue the employment of Herbert A. Chaffee, II (see Senate, No. 1830) (which originated in the Senate);

Establishing the position of appointed town clerk in the town of Arlington (see House, No. 4135); and

Providing for a filling of a vacancy in the office of ward 7 councilor in the city of Marlborough (see, House, No. 4170);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bills enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

2Life communities.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, residents and staff from all seven 2Life community campuses. They were the guests of Representatives Honan of Boston, Michael Moran of Boston, Vitolo of Brookline, Lawn of Watertown, Stanley of Waltham, Schwartz of Newton, Sangiolo of Newton, Gregoire of Marlborough, Lewis of Framingham, Sousa of Framingham, Donaghue of Westborough, Sena of Acton, Cahill of Lynn, Wong of Saugus, Reid of Lynn, Armini of Marblehead, Worrell of Boston, Holmes of Boston and Montaño of Boston.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Vietnam Moving Wall Exhibit.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Day of Stoneham) recognizing the town of Stoneham and its veterans at the opening of the Vietnam Moving Wall Exhibit; and

Michael Kolodziej.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) congratulating firefighter/paramedic Michael Kolodziej on the occasion of his retirement from the Abington Fire Department;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

Housing,— extension of time for reporting.

An Order (filed by Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ramos of North Andover) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 3, 2025 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on a current House document was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4743) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through August 2025; Gaming and sports wagering report.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 1(p) and Section 6 of Chapter 124 and Section 1B of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its calendar year 2023 annual report; Department of Correction.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the second quarter data report for calendar year 2024; Department of Correction,— data report.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the third quarter data report for calendar year 2024; Id.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the fourth quarter data report for calendar year 2024; and Id.

From the Department of Correction (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the first quarter data report for calendar year 2025; Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4748) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) that the town of Bridgewater be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Bridgewater,— liquor license.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Biele of Boston (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alexander Mattern relative to the reporting of convictions for assault and battery involving motor vehicles. Motor vehicles,— convictions.

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Rogers and Andrea Campbell (Attorney General) relative to prohibiting anticompetitive conduct and agreements and strengthening the Massachusetts Antitrust Act. Massachusetts Antitrust Act.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to eliminate the residency requirement for the town manager (House, No. 4243, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate Ipswich,— town manager.

document numbered 2719. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill amending the charter of the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 2700) (on Senate bill No. 2527) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Wareham,— charter.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill providing for the issuance of revenue bonds for the construction and reconstruction of telecommunications facilities by the city of Quincy (Senate, No. 2625) [Local Approval Received]; and

Quincy,— bonds.

House bills

To promote urban agriculture and horticulture (House, No. 3130);

Urban farms.

Updating the tax treatment of recreational lands in the town of Swampscott (House, No. 3917) [Local Approval Received];

Swampscott,— recreational land.

Relative to the select board of the town of Berlin (House, No. 4580) [Local Approval Received]; and

Berlin,— select board.

Protecting public higher education student information (House, No. 4653);

Students.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4693), ought to pass [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: $3,000,000,000.00]. Read and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Higher education,— capital improvements.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical sharps stewardship (House, No. 2417).

Medical sharps.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enabling registered dental hygienists to administer nitrous oxide (House, No. 2426).

Dental hygienists.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to primary care access (House, No. 2537).

Primary care,— access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to toxic-free medical devices (House, No. 4298).

Toxic-free devices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2535, a Bill establishing a Naloxone Purchase Trust fund (House, No. 4730).

Naloxone trust fund.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to menstrual products and the Division of Highways (House, No. 4714), reported, in part, a Bill to increase access to menstrual products in public buildings (House, No. 3318).

Menstrual products,— access.

Public contracting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to menstrual products and the Division of Highways (House, No. 4714), reported, on the residue, a Bill relative to fairness in public contracting (House, No. 3370).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Cleaner air.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill to ensure cleaner air for communities overburdened by outdoor air pollution (House, No. 2369) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Food safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting food safety by prohibiting harmful additives in food products (House, No. 3959).

Nuclear fuel.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2488, a Bill relative to monitoring dry casks of spent nuclear fuel (House, No. 4728).

Radon testing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2523, a Bill promoting radon testing (House, No. 4729).

Energy affordability.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, Nos. 3459, 3469, 3475, 3493, 3520, 3521, 3534, 3542, 3549, 3552, 3555 and 3556, a Bill relative to energy affordability, clean power and economic competitiveness (House, No. 4744).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Salem,— licensing board.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the composition of the licensing board for the city of Salem (House, No. 4007) [Local Approval Received].

Monson,— select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Monson select board (House, No. 4602) [Local Approval Received].

Revere,— violations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for noise ordinance violations (House, No. 4603) [Local Approval Received].

Lawrence,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill in relation to James J. O'Neil Park (House, No. 4614, changed in section 1, in line 17, and in section 2, in line 24, by striking out the following: "&C" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following: "8C") [Local Approval Received].

Boylston,— select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill changing the board of selectmen in the town of Boylston to select board (House, No. 4621) [Local Approval Received].

Milford,— select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Milford Select Board to appoint a highway surveyor (House, No. 4663) [Local Approval Received].

Death certificates.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to social security numbers on death certificates (House, No. 2383) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill removing social security numbers from death certificates (House, No. 2438) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Dartmouth to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4006), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Third reading bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, November 17, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communications.

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Economic Development Incentive.

From the Office of Business Development (see Section 3B(c) of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP) annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Dukes County,—technology fund.

From the Office of the Dukes County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Berkshire Regional Transit,—statements.

From the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (see Sections 8(g) and 12 of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025;

Franklin Regional Transit,—statements.

From the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (see Sections 8(g) and 12 of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025;

Pioneer Valley Regional Transit,—statements.

From the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (see Sections 8(g) and 12 of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; and

Settlements and judgements.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Settlements and Judgements accounts payable report for fiscal year 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

Net state tax revenue.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for July, 2025, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Donaghue of Westborough and Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4751) of Kate Donaghue, Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Westborough; Westborough,— charter.

By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4752) of Jessica Ann Giannino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Revere be authorized to establish penalties and liens for rooming house and certificates of fitness ordinance violations; and Revere,— penalties and liens.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4753) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Westwood. Westwood,— charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4754) of Paul K. Frost and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to expanded small property tax abatements in the town of Auburn; and Auburn,— property tax.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4755) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate the means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in the town of Sudbury. Sudbury,— property tax.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to a special commission (including members of the General Court) on perimenopause and menopause care. Menopause care.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the rights of individuals experiencing homelessness. Homelessness,— rights.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to assault and battery upon a transit worker (House, No. 4645), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2697. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Transit workers.

Bills

Addressing challenges facing public libraries and digital resource collections (Senate, No. 2710, amended) (on a part of Senate bill No. 2330); Public libraries.

Updating the commission on older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender adults (Senate, No. 2711) (on Senate bill No. 743, changed); and LGBT aging.

Regarding free expression (Senate, No. 2726) (on Senate bill No. 2696); Free expression.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Payment denials.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to prohibit denials of certain payments for health care service [sic], came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Financial Services.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2732) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Financial Services.

Reports of Committees.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2670) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4615), reported, in part, a bill with the same title (House, No. 4761) [Total Appropriation: $2,438,885,469.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Subsequently Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day, the question being on acceptance.

Higher education,—capital improvements.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4693), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4750). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Privileged communication.

Relating to privileged communication between individuals and their labor organizations (House, No. 2087);

Naturopathy.

Relative to the board of registration in naturopathy (House, No. 2402);

Retirement boards.

Relative to the fifth member of the public employee retirement systems (House, No. 2813);

Charter schools.

Relative to charter school procurement (House, No. 3423); and

Digital assets.

For uniform fiduciary access to digital assets (House, No. 4639);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Foods and food additives,—study.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on House, No. 113, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to a special commission to study certain foods and food additives (House, No. 4731) [Representative Boldyga of Southwick dissenting].

Liquor licenses, fees, etc.,— study.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 321, 331, 335, 349, 351, 356, 366, 374, 395, 409, 411, 414, 417, 428, 434, 443, 449, 4058, 4195, 4196 and 4197, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to liquor licenses, licensure, fees, gambling and other matters (House, No. 4733).

Dog kennels, animals, etc.,— study.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 2245, 2256 and 2333, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to dog kennels, sales of animals and municipal building (House, No. 4732).

Vehicle titling and e-signatures,— study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3676 and 3677, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to motor vehicle titling and e-signatures (House, No. 4724) [Representative Armini of Marblehead dissenting].

Spare tires,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3694, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to spare tires (House, No. 4725) [Representative Armini of Marblehead dissenting].

Motor vehicle negligence,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3696, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to motor vehicle negligence (House, No. 4726) [Representative Armini of Marblehead dissenting].

Golf carts,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, House, No. 3775, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to golf carts (House, No. 4727) [Representative Armini of Marblehead dissenting].

Recreational vehicle training,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3617, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to recreational vehicle training (House, No. 4734).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3630, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to registration of recreation vehicles (House, No. 4735) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Anti-slavery education.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Resolve providing for a special commission to examine anti-slavery education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 605). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Consumer privacy data act.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on House, Nos. 78, 80, 86, 96, 103 and

104, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts consumer data privacy act (House, No. 4746).

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to achieve universal pre-kindergarten (House, No. 523). Pre-kindergarten.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enhancing learning in the early school years through a ban on school exclusion in public prekindergarten through 3rd grade (House, No. 541). Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill implementing elementary and secondary interdisciplinary climate literacy education (House, No. 560). Climate literacy education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill advancing Massachusetts from STEM to STEAM (House, No. 561). STEM program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase substance use prevention and awareness and reduce overdose abandonment (House, No. 562). Substance use prevention policy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to science curriculum standards (House, No. 589). Science curriculum.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill concerning Asian Pacific Islander Desi American history education (House, No. 604). Asian Pacific Islander Desi.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to celebrating and teaching Native American culture and history (House, No. 628). Native American history.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to healthy youth (House, No. 656). Healthy youth.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 549, 574, 666, 696, 715 and 720, a Bill promoting safe technology use and distraction-free education for youth (House, No. 4745). Youth, — safe technology use.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a joint petition, Resolutions rescinding previous Article V Convention applications (House, No. 4692). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Article V Convention applications.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to continue the employment of Edward J. Walsh as chief of police in the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 2643) [Local Approval Received]; and Taunton,— Edward Walsh.

House bills

Relative to defining invasive surgical procedures (House, No. 1362); Surgeries.

Relative to the security of exercise equipment and free weights in correctional institutions (House, No. 2736); and Exercise equipment.

Relative to the office of district councilor in the city of Boston (House, No. 4090) [Local Approval Received]; Boston,— councillor.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Relative to affordable car rentals (see Senate, No. 2616, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills enacted.

Increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from 3 to 5 members (see House, No. 3912) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to certain special revolving funds in the town of Athol (House, No. 4401), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Prayer.

Setti Warren.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Sangiolo of Newton, Schwartz of Newton and Lawn of Watertown, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Setti David Warren, Newton's 30th mayor, who died unexpectedly on Sunday, November 2nd at the family's Beaumont Avenue home. He was fifty-five years old.

At the time of his death, he was the Director of the Institute of Politics and Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Before his appointment, he was Executive Director of the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy. In 2009, he was elected Mayor of Newton — the first African American mayor in Massachusetts.

Mayor Warren led a life of public service, working as New England Director of the Federal Office of Emergency Management, and as deputy director of Senator John Kerry's Boston office. He also served in Iraq as a Naval Intelligence specialist.

Mayor Warren is survived by his wife Tassy, his children, Abigail and John, and his twin sister, Makeda.

Message from the Governor.

Bourne,— election.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Bourne on May 20, 2025 (House, No. 4763), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, November 17.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Statement of Representative Davis of Great Barrington.

A statement of Ms. Davis of Great Barrington was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Davis of Great Barrington.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due official business outside of the State House. I am hosting Secretary Augustus in my district for visits to local housing authorities and leading a workforce housing roundtable with local experts. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 108, 109 and 110. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.

A statement of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside the State House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 108, 109 and 110. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Silvia of Fall River.

A statement of Mr. Silvia of Fall River was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Silvia of Fall River.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due a previously scheduled medical appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 108, 109 and 110. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Vaughn of Wrentham.

A statement of Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Vaughn of Wrentham.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 108, 109 and 110.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Boldyga of Southwick, Ferguson of Holden, Ferrante of Gloucester and Nguyen of North Andover had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Communications.

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Statutory Basis Financial report.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) providing a status on the filing of the Statutory Basis Financial Report for fiscal year 2025; and

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) providing an updated status on the filing of the 2025 Statutory Basis Financial Report, which has been delayed pending passage of the supplemental appropriation bill; Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Alexander Mattern relative to the reporting of convictions for assault and battery involving motor vehicles; and Motor vehicles,— convictions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Tackey Chan relative to powers and duties of judicial court officers; Judicial court officers.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Andres X. Vargas for legislation to further regulate zoning for accessory dwelling units. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Accessory dwelling units.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kate Hogan for legislation to establish statewide food truck regulations. To the committee on Public Health. Food trucks.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, that the Bill addressing challenges facing public libraries and digital resource collections (House, No. 3595), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Public libraries.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill requiring health care employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (House, No. 2655), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4767). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Health care,— workplace violence.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to increased transportation options for Arlington and Lexington (House, No. 3666). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Arlington and Lexington,— rapid transit.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing the science corridor (House, No. 3683). Rapid transit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3688 and 3700, a Bill relative to electric vehicle charging stations (House, No. 3688). Electric vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish free access to ride to elections in Massachusetts (FARE) (House, No. 3744). Elections,— transportation.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Commuter rail,—payments.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill establishing a pilot program allowing for in-person payment of daily parking fees at certain commuter rail stations operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3664).

Orange Line expansion,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve directing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of extending the orange line (House, No. 3733).

Hull,—parking fines.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the select board of the town of Hull to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (House, No. 4247) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Recess.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and two minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Foxborough State Hospital.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to amending certain use restrictions for the Foxborough State Hospital (Senate, No. 2141), ought to pass with amendments by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4765; by inserting the following emergency preamble:

"*Whereas,* The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith the release or amendment of certain use restrictions of land in the town of Foxborough, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act relative to the release or amendment of certain use restrictions for the Foxborough State Hospital.". Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendments recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then were adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2141, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Upton,—land.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill authorizing the commonwealth to dispose of certain parcels of land in the town of Upton acquired for conservation and recreation purposes (Senate, No. 2576), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4766. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2576, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Brockton,— land.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to dispose of certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4296), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4768). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

At six minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and twenty-two minutes after two o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Higher education,— bond bill.

Prior to the noon recess, By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill to build resilient infrastructure to generate higher-ed transformation (House, No. 4693), be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4750),— then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the afternoon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Finn of West Springfield, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Consolidated amendments.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House moved to amend it in section 2 by inserting after item 7066-8006 the following item:

"7066-8007 For higher education capital projects; provided, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for Greenfield Community College; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for Northern Essex Community College facilities for high school career and technical education, including construction, renovation, modernization, equipment acquisition, and instructional technology to expand regional vocational pathways; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for the renovation of Tillinghast hall at Bridgewater State University; provided further, that not less than $350,000 shall be expended for the University of Massachusetts Boston to support the renaming of the center for African, Caribbean and community development as the Senator Bill Owens center, including installation of markers and commemorative programming; provided further, that not less than $10,000,000

shall be expended for the renovation of the Sullivan building at Salem State University; provided further, that not less than $20,000,000 shall be expended for Middlesex Community College for the expansion, modernization and development of the life sciences center on the Bedford campus; provided further, that not less than $10,000,000 shall be expended for Framingham State University to renovate, maintain and modernize the Henry Whittemore library; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended to Springfield Technical Community College; provided further, that not less than $500,000 shall be expended for the UMass cranberry station to undertake modernization and deferred maintenance projects at cranberry bogs that they utilize; provided further, that not less than $10,000,000 shall be expended to the Dudley house at Roxbury Community College; provided further, that not less than $20,000,000 shall be expended for Bunker Hill Community College to renovate their chemistry, biology and engineering classrooms and prep rooms; provided further, that not less than $100,000,000 shall be expended for the construction of the Westfield State University human health hub; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for renovations and upgrades to 6 classrooms at Bay Path University; provided further, that not less than $50,000,000 shall be expended for upgrading UMass Boston learning spaces infrastructure and technology; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for renovation of the McKay complex at Fitchburg State University; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for Conlon hall at Fitchburg State University; provided further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended to Bay Path University in support of the expansion of their nursing program, which will address the critical shortage experienced in Massachusetts by funding the purchase of key equipment; provided further, that not less than $20,000,000 shall be expended for the renovation and expansion of the student center at Worcester State University; provided further, that not less than $3,000,000 shall be expended for Carey building window replacement at Massachusetts Bay Community College; provided further, that not less than $2,200,000 shall be expended for HVAC System Replacement at Massachusetts bay Community College; provided further, that not less than $25,000,000 shall be expended for the Lowell innovation network corridor project at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell; provided further, that not less than $400,000 shall be expended for outdoor court upgrades located at Bristol Community College's Fall River campus; provided further, that not less than $20,000,000 shall be expended to renovate and expand the Massachusetts maritime academy student wellness, recreation and workforce development center; provided further, that not less than $22,500,000 shall be expended to support drainage, resurfacing, and soil mitigation efforts at Quinsigamond Community College; provided further, that not

less than $5,000,000 be expended for the renovation of the Haley first floor student success center at Mount Wachusett Community College; provided further, that not less than $5,000,000 shall be expended for a fitness center at Mount Wachusett Community College; provided further, that not less than $2,000,000 shall be expended for renovations to the Peter Asiaf field house at Mount Wachusett Community College; provided further, that not less than $100,000 shall be expended for the University of Massachusetts Amherst to expand classroom space at the Henry M. Thomas III center in Springfield; and provided further, that not less than $20,000,000 shall be expended for Northern Essex Community College facilities for high school career and technical education…….$370,450,000".

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 108.

On the question on adoption the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F; and on the roll call 149 members voted in the affirmative and 4 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 108 in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 109.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Rogers of Cambridge; and on the roll call 148 members voted in the affirmative and 5 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 109 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4769, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

Second reading bill.

The House Bill relative to defining invasive surgical procedures (House, No. 1362) read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Alcoholic beverages,— sales.

The House Bill relative to successor supplier laws and the termination of sales to wholesalers of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4281), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4764), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—

Supplemental appropriations.

The report (in part) of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (see Senate document numbered 2670) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4615) (for report, see House, No. 4761), was considered.

Conference committee report accepted,—yea and nay No. 110.

On acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and on the roll call 145 members voted in the affirmative and 8 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 110 in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

Recess.

At one minute before five o'clock P.M. (Tuesday, November 18, 2025), on motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.; and at that time, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.

A statement of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to official business outside the State House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 111 to 116, inclusive. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Representative Vaughn of Wrentham.

A statement of Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Vaughn of Wrentham.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 111 to 116, inclusive.

Guests of the House.

Taíno Tribes.

During the session Mr. González of Springfield took the Chair, declared a brief recess and introduced members of the Higuayagua Taíno Luku Kairi Tribal Nation and other Taíno Tribes. Representative González then read resolutions previously adopted by the House honoring them for their culture and heritage within the Commonwealth. They were all guests of Representatives González, Ramos of Springfield, Gómez of Easthampton, Arriaga of Chicopee, Cruz of Salem, Moran of Lawrence, Paulino of Methuen, Reyes of Lawrence and Vargas of Haverhill.

Remote Participation.

Remote participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Barber of Somerville, Boldyga of Southwick, Ferguson of Holden, Ferrante of Gloucester, Nguyen of Andover and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Children's Grief Awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Cataldo of Concord and Arciero of Westford) commending the National Alliance for Children's Grief for its recognition of November 20, 2025 as Children's Grief Awareness Day; and

Taíno Tribes.

Resolutions (filed by Representative González of Springfield and other members of the House) commemorating the Higuayagua Taíno Luku Kairi Tribal Nation and other Taíno Tribes for their culture and heritage within the Commonwealth;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Ouellette of Westport, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Westford,—land.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Westford to release agricultural preservation restrictions over land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC (House, No. 4362), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2723. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Subsequently, said committee reported that the amendment was correctly drawn; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

North Carver water district.

A Bill dissolving the North Carver water district (Senate, No. 2735) (on Senate bill No. 2517), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Rockland,—charter.

A Bill amending the charter of the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2716, amended) (on Senate No. 2573), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling,

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Insurance,—manufactured homes.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2738) of Kelly A. Dooner, Norman J. Orrall, Bruce E. Tarr, Kelly W. Pease and other members of the General Court for legislation to address rising insurance costs for manufactured home residents; and

Insurance,—water.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2739) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to firefighting water supplies and a state cistern program;

Severally to the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2737) of Adam Gómez for legislation relative to Medicare coverage of end-stage renal disease. To the committee on Health Care Financing. Renal disease.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2736) of Julian Cyr, Hadley Luddy and Patrick M. O'Connor relative to inspections of buildings or structures occupied in short-term rentals. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Short-term rentals.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill to modernize funding for community media programming (House, No. 91) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Community media,— funding.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to modernize funding for community media programming (House, No. 106) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Id.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, No. 305, a Bill promoting housing opportunities and access (House, No. 4757) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Housing,— access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 307, a Bill supporting the economic growth of downtowns and small businesses (House, No. 4758) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Downtowns,— economic growth.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 309 and 313, a Bill relative to modernizing Chapter 40R (House, No. 4759). Smart growth.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill supporting caregivers running for public office (House, No. 825). Political candidates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving campaign finance reporting by state ballot question committees (House, No. 868). Ballot question committees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 820, a Bill enforcing accessibility for voters with disabilities (House, No. 4760). Voting,— accessibility.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill providing for fairness and equity for Massachusetts Water Resources Authority employees (House, No. 2896). Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relating to improvements to residential properties (House, No. 3040). Residential properties.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill encouraging home ownership by establishing a first time home buyers savings account (House, No. 3041). Home buyers,— savings accounts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing CPA recording fees for affordable housing (House, No. 3092). Affordable housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill encouraging home ownership by establishing a first time home buyers savings account (House, No. 3192). Home buyers,— savings accounts.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, No. 299, a Bill to improve business improvement districts (House, No. 4756). Business improvement districts.

Campaign expenditures.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to dark money in local government (House, No. 806).

Regional school district votes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding ballot access for regional school district votes (House, No. 836).

Dalton,— recall elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Dalton (House, No. 4242, changed in section 2, in line 3, by striking out the figures "50" and inserting in place thereof the figures "200".) [Local Approval Received].

Insurance,— modernization.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1084, 1085, 1100, 1105, 1123, 1129, 1139, 1233, and 1248, a Bill relative to modernization of insurance laws (House, No. 1084).

Fall River,— police chief.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the appointment of the police chief in the city of Fall River (House, No. 4214) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

Bills

Relative to the release or amendment of certain use restrictions for the Foxborough State Hospital (Senate, No. 2141, amended); and

Authorizing the commonwealth to dispose of certain parcels of land in the town of Upton acquired for conservation and recreation purposes (Senate, No. 2576, amended);

Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments previously adopted by the House.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4768), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Ipswich,— town manager.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to eliminate the residency requirement for Town Manager (House, No. 4243, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted in concurrence.

Palmer,— liquor licenses.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Palmer to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4282, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amy Tanguay, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4647) (its title having been

changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

Recess.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and fourteen minutes after one o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

Article V Convention.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Resolutions rescinding previous Article V Convention applications (House, No. 4692), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the resolutions (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn), were considered forthwith.

Resolutions adopted,— yea and nay No. 111.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the resolutions, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 111 in Supplement.]

Therefore the resolutions were adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measures.

Upton,— land.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the commonwealth to dispose of certain parcels of land in the town of Upton acquired for conservation and recreation purposes (see Senate, No. 2576, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 59 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was put upon its final passage.

Bill enacted (land taking),— yea and nay No. 112.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 112 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Supplemental appropriations.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4761), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and

truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 52 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was put upon its final passage.

Bill enacted (land taking),—yea and nay No. 113.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 149 members voted in the affirmative and 9 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 113 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Foxborough State Hospital.

The engrossed Bill relative to the release or amendment of certain use restrictions for the Foxborough State Hospital (see Senate, No. 2141, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 64 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Bills enacted.

Amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to eliminate the residency requirement for Town Manager (see House, No. 4243, amended); and

Authorizing the town of Palmer to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (see House, No. 4282, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Workplace violence.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill requiring health care employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence (House, No. 2655), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4767). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Fiola of Fall River moved to amend it in section 1, in lines 9 and 10, by striking out the words "or under contract for employment with an independent entity or a third-party vendor at a health care facility, by a health care employer" and inserting in place thereof the words "a health care employer, or employed by or under contract for employment with an independent entity or a third-party vendor at a health care facility."; and

In section 4, in line 202, by inserting after the word "employee" the following: "shall be as defined in section 52F of chapter 149.".

The amendments were adopted.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 114.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Lawn of Watertown; and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 114 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4767, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

Lowell,— land.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements in certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell (House, No. 4183), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4772). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Wareham,— charter.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 2700) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bill — Land Taking.

Westford,—land.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Westford to release agricultural preservation restrictions over land owned by Westford Gateway, LLC (see House, No. 4362, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

Bill enacted (land taking),—yea and nay No. 115.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 115 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure.

Lowell,—land.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements in certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell (see House, No. 4772), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 49 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was put upon its final passage.

Bill enacted (land taking),—yea and nay No. 116.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 116 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At six minutes before seven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, November 20, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Pioneer Charter School of Science.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, students from the Pioneer Charter School of Science in Everett, who were accompanied by Superintendent Barish Icin and Principal Mahmut Ballan. They were the guests of Representatives McGonagle of Everett and Garcia of Chelsea.

Order.

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure,— extension of time for reporting.

An Order (filed by Representatives Chan of Quincy and Keefe of Worcester) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current House documents was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4771) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Garcia of Chelsea, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

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Norfolk County,— technology fund.

From the Office of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund fifty-fifth planned expenditure [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Federal grants.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 6B(b) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a fiscal year 2026 first quarter Federal Grants Report; and

MassVentures.

From the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation (Mass Ventures) (see Section 6 of Chapter 40G of the General Laws) submitting financial statements for fiscal year 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2025; and

Plymouth,—correctional facility data.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for August, 2025;

State tax revenue.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2742) of Rebecca L. Rausch, James K. Hawkins, Brian M. Ashe, Michael O. Moore and others for legislation to enhance safety and security for candidates and professionals. To the committee on Election Laws.

Candidates,—safety.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2743) of Rebecca L. Rausch and James K. Hawkins for legislation relative to officer training concerning staged suicides. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Officers,—training.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the rights of individuals experiencing homelessness. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Garcia of Chelsea, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Homelessness,—rights.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on paid family and medical leave for public employees (House, No. 2070);

Public employee paid leave.

Of the Bill creating a special legislative commission to study barriers to job retention for low-income workers (House, No. 2140);

Low-income workers.

Of the Bill establishing a commission on municipal emergency medical service staffing levels and workforce development (House, No. 2587);

Emergency medical staffing.

Of the Bill establishing a special commission to ensure the safety and sustainability of non-profit public events (House, No. 2724); and

Public events,—safety.

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on micro-transit (House, No. 4649);

Micro-transit.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2716, amended) [Local Approval Received]; and

Rockland,— charter.

House bills

Relative to the definition of podiatry (House, No. 2407);

Podiatry.

Authorizing the appointment or retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Brookline (House, No. 2992) [Local Approval Received];

Brookline,— special police.

Authorizing Bridgewater Town Charter amendment Article IV, Section 4-3, Town Manager Powers of Appointment (House, No. 4579) [Local Approval Received]; and

Bridgewater,— charter.

Permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for noise ordinance violations (House, No. 4603) [Local Approval Received];

Revere,— penalties.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Garcia of Chelsea, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on a petition, a Bill relative to assessing the feasibility of in-state drug manufacturing (House, No. 763).

In-state drug manufacturing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 772, a Bill establishing a commission to study the financial abuse of elders (House, No. 4749).

Elders,— financial abuse.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a special commission to study and make recommendations relative to Chapter 40B (House, No. 1486).

Chapter 40B.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1531, a Bill establishing a commission to study housing affordability and density reform (House, No. 4762).

Housing affordability.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on a petition, a Bill to increase access to the flu vaccine for older adults (House, No. 760). Referred; under Joint Rule 1E to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Flu vaccine,— access.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on a petition, a Bill protecting vulnerable elders from abuse (House, No. 786).

Elders,— protection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to support quality improvement in nursing homes (House, No. 790).

Nursing homes,— improvement.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to accessory dwelling units (House, No. 1484).

Accessory dwelling units.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to manufactured housing communities (House, No. 1513) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Manufactured housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to starter homes (House, No. 1518).

Starter homes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to affordable housing and the preservation of a community's water resources (House, No. 1530).

Housing,— local water needs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2298 and 2350, a Bill facilitating site plan review (House, No. 2298) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Site plan review.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the continued employment of Steven A. Hilliger, a firefighter in the town of Lancaster (see House, No. 2879) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill relative to any vacancy among town meeting members in Milford (House, No. 4171), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cambridge,— trust fund.

The House Bill establishing the city of Cambridge employment and job training trust (House, No. 4134), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4774), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Fairhaven,— special police.

The House Bill relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4234), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by adding the following section:

"SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4234, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, November 24, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Order.

Public Health,— extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Friday, December 19, 2025 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4773) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Medical Care Advisory Committee.

From the Office of Medicaid (see Section 6 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) on the previous year's activities of the Medical Care Advisory Committee, including the agendas, materials and mailing list for MCAC meetings in calendar year 2024;

MBTA,— Naxolone distribution.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see item 1595-6369 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) regarding the MBTA's Naxolone (Narcan) Pilot Distribution Program; and

MBTA,— Income eligible fares.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see item 1596-2405 of Section 2F of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Income Eligible Fare report for fiscal year 2024;

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly, Monthly, and Special Reports.

Disabled Persons Protection.

A quarterly report of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (under item 1107-2501 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its fiscal year 2026 first quarterly report for the period of July-September, 2025; and

Trial Court,— rental protections.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections; and

A report from the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the October Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Annual Outlook Report containing updated projections for estimated contributions, benefit payments, and Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balances for the five-year Outlook Period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029;

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Murray of Milford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4784) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) relative to the town administrator in the town of Hopedale; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hopedale,— town administrator.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to regulate organ transport vehicles. To the committee on Public Health.

Organ transport vehicles.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to the recording of a confirmatory deed by the Commonwealth of a certain parcel of land in the city of Marlborough to Louis G. Monti, Jr., of said city. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Marlborough,— Louis Monti.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to preserving the ancient privileges of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (House, No. 2666);

Ancient and Honorable.

Establishing the official marine flora of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3285);

Marine flora.

Designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month (House, No. 3288);

Shelter dog month.

Designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome Awareness Day (House, No. 3366);

Okur-Chung syndrome day.

Relative to the appointment of the police chief in the city of Fall River (House, No. 4214) [Local Approval Received]; and

Fall River,— police chief.

Relative to the Monson select board (House, No. 4602) [Local Approval Received];

Monson,— select board.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 2246, 2249, 2252, 2263, 2264, 2271, 2277, 2287, 2293, 2306, 2307, 2318, 2352, 2358 and 4192, an Order relative to authorizing the

Municipal powers and duties,— study.

committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to municipal powers and duties (House, No. 4776).

Bike and pedestrian safety,— study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3609, 3649, 3652, 3653, 3672, 3682, 3692, 3697, 3712, 3773, 3804 and 3806, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to bike and pedestrian safety (House, No. 4775).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Incarcerated persons',— programs.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill to eliminate discrimination of incarcerated persons' participation in life saving programs (House, No. 2437).

Skilled nursing facilities,— temporary agencies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to address conflicts of interest in the use of temporary nursing agencies at skilled nursing facilities (House, No. 2498).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Norwood,— hospitals.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill establishing a Norwood hospital working group (House, No. 2525). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Concurrent surgical procedure consent.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to informed consent for concurrent surgical procedures (House, No. 2459).

Survivor financial assistance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill supporting survivors through financial assistance (House, No. 2466).

Emergency medical services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a task force to study the sustainability of emergency medical services (House, No. 2491).

Cardiac arrest.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve outcomes for sudden cardiac arrest (House, No. 2510).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Orders of the Day.

Transit workers.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to assault and battery upon a transit worker (House, No. 4645), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Mr. Walsh of Peabody then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Section 13D of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

Whoever commits an assault and battery, including assault and battery by means of a bodily substance, upon any public employee, public transit worker or any transit worker contracted or employed to operate public transit services, when such person is engaged in the performance of their duties at the time of such assault and battery, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 90 days nor more than 2½ years in a house of correction or by a fine of not less than $500 nor more than $5,000, or both. For the purposes of this section, 'bodily substance' shall mean any human secretion, discharge or emission including, but not limited to, blood, saliva, mucous, semen, urine or feces.".

The further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Haverhill Adam Jankowski.

The House Bill authorizing Adam T. Jankowski to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4178), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by adding the inserting after section 1 the following section:

"SECTION 1A. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10 of chapter 22C of the General Laws regarding the maximum age of applicants for initial enlistment as uniformed members of the state police, Adam T. Jankowski shall be eligible to take the next competitive examination for appointment for initial enlistment as a uniformed member of the state police and, provided he meets all other requirements, shall be eligible for appointment."; and

By striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act authorizing Adam T. Jankowski to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill or the position of uniformed member of the state police notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4178, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hudson,— charter.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Hudson (House, No. 4503), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4782), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill changing the date of the annual town meeting of the town of North Reading (see House, No. 4645, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At sixteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Orders.

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Fiola of Fall River and Giannino of Revere) relative to extending until Monday, March 16, 2026 the time within which the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4785).

Order (filed by Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Vitolo of Brookline) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4794).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Order (filed by Representatives Barber of Somerville and Cataldo of Concord) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 31, 2025 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4793).

Order (filed by Representative Lewis of Framingham) relative to extending until Friday, February 13, 2026, the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4791).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery,—extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives Domb of Amherst and DuBois of Brockton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on a current House document, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4792) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through September, 2025; Gaming and sports wagering revenue.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the October 16, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; Emergency housing assistance.

From the Department of Public Health (see item 4590-0915 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on the status of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children; and Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4510-0108 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Department of Public Health's report entitled 'State Office of Pharmacy Services FY25'; Pharmacy services.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

A quarterly report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 2 of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) report for the second quarter of calendar year 2025; and Sexual assault evidence collection kit.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for September, 2025; Net state tax reports.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4795) of Margaret R. Scarsdale and Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Groton; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Groton,— charter.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to Department of Conservation and Recreation Title IX compliance (House, No. 1068); Title IX compliance.

Relative to civil rights (House, No. 1641); Civil rights.

Designating Domestic Workers' Rights Day (House, No. 3417); Workers' rights.

Establishing the official sedimentary structure of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3438); and Sedimentary structure.

Relative to notice of activation of the Massachusetts National Guard within the Commonwealth (House, No. 4664); National Guard,— activation.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Badger of Plymouth, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Disabilities,— missing persons alert system.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill establishing a Purple Alert system in the commonwealth (House, No. 2657).

Law enforcement,— recruitment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the establishment of minority recruitment and selection program (House, No. 2677) [Representative Sweezey of Duxbury dissenting].

Law enforcement memorial fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Fund (House, No. 2728).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bridgewater,— charter.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, No. 4578, a Bill authorizing Bridgewater town charter amendment for gender neutral language (House, No. 4781) [Local Approval Received].

Critical incident leave.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to "Critical Incident Leave" (House, No. 2621).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measures.

Jeanne McCarron,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeanne McCarron, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles (see House, No. 4624, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Bills enacted.

Extending residency requirements for members of the regular police and fire departments and fire alarm and wires division of the city of Newton (see House, No. 2335);

Authorizing certain investments for the town of Richmond Free Public Library (see House, No. 4154); and

Authorizing the town of Acton to increase the residency limit for members of its police and fire departments (see House, No. 4168);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Lynn,—charter.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill revising the charter of the city of Lynn (House, No. 4149, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted in concurrence.

Third reading bills.

Bills

Amending the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 4379); and

Authorizing the town of Ludlow to pay a certain unpaid bill (House, No. 4589);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, December 1, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Prayer.

Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante of Gloucester.

At the request of Speaker Mariano of Quincy, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante, Vice Chair of the committee on Ways and Means, who passed away at her home in Gloucester on November 27, 2025 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Ann-Margaret Ferrante lived a life full of purpose, joy, and service.

For nearly 17 years, Ann-Margaret served the people of Cape Ann as their state representative with a relentless commitment to helping those in need. Ann-Margaret was a valued colleague in the House who easily built trust amongst the membership, always working to build coalitions and erase divisions to help the Commonwealth's most vulnerable residents — especially children, seniors, and in recent years, as a voice for patients.

The members of the House of Representatives offer sincere condolences to her mother Frances Ferrante, her family, her House staff, and to her many valued friends and loved ones.

Message from the Governor — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

Marblehead,— board of health.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from three members to five [see House, No. 3912] (for message, see House, No. 4798), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, November 26.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by Her Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 2TT of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the annual financial plan for the Liability Management and Reduction Fund for fiscal year 2026; Liability management and reduction.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 29A of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a report on consultant contracts for the first quarter of fiscal year 2026; Consultant contracts.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the October 2, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from September 4, 2025 to October 2, 2025; Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-2051 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, as amended by Section 54 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) providing a status update regarding immediate Covid-19 recovery needs for the second quarter of calendar year 2025; and Covid-19 recovery.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 81 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the second quarterly report for calendar year 2025 relative to ensuring the coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund monies received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, comply with applicable federal law, including statutes, regulations, and sub-regulatory guidance; American rescue plan.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Holmes of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4799) of Russell E. Holmes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of Jose Reyes as a police officer in the city of Boston, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Boston,— Jose Reyes.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian M. Ashe for legislation to further regulate dogs and kennels. Dogs and kennels.

By Representative McKenna of Sutton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joseph D. McKenna for legislation to exempt certain software from the sales taxes. Software,— sales tax.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2750) of Michael F. Rush (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to add certified emergency telecommunicators within the city of Boston to the Group 2 retirement classification, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service. Boston,— retirement classification.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Meghan K. Kilcoyne relative to the condominium owners' rights. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Condominiums,— rights.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to the definition of livestock (House, No. 138);

Livestock.

Relative to the regulation of nutrient management and fertilizer in the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4437) [Local Approval Received];

Nantucket,— fertilizer.

Protecting first responders and enhancing access to behavioral health centers (House, No. 4673);

Behavioral health.

Relative to tort actions for latent diseases (House, No. 4676); and

Latent diseases.

Relative to increasing affordable and public housing options (House, No. 4694);

Affordable housing.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 3326 and 3430, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to Diwali Day (House, No. 4800) [Representative Kane of Shrewsbury dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Diwali holiday,— study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, on the foregoing Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to Diwali Day (House, No. 4800) reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,— study.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3326) of Rodney M. Elliott, Estela A. Reyes and Natalie M. Higgins for legislation to designate Diwali as a legal holiday in the Commonwealth; and

Diwali.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3430) of Marcus S. Vaughn, Hannah Kane and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate the fifteenth day of the Hindu lunisolar month of Kartik as Diwali day;

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be recommitted to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, of the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, Nos. 301, 310 and 311, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses to make an

Community development and small businesses,— study.

investigation and study of certain House documents concerning community development and small businesses (House, No. 4778).

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 1086, 1124, 1152, 1166, 1195, 1200, 1219, 1220, 1263, 1265 and 1280, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to automobile insurance (House, No. 4777). Automobile insurance,—study.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 1424, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning higher education (House, No. 4779). Higher education,—study.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3710, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning driver education (House, No. 4780) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting]. Driver education,—study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Bill including worker-owned businesses in economic development programs (House, No. 491, changed in section 3, in line 7, by striking out the following: "48(i)" and inserting in place thereof the following: "48(e)(i)"). Worker-owned businesses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing a workforce training trust fund for emerging technologies (House, No. 3983). Workforce training.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to the well-being of law enforcement officers after involvement in a critical incident (House, No. 2653). Law enforcement,—well-being.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to police certification (House, No. 2582). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Police certification.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4587), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. David Russell,—sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills

Revising the charter of the city of Lynn (see House, No. 4149, amended);

Authorizing the town of Somerset to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4286); and

Providing a simplified procedure for the layout and acceptance of subdivision roads in the city of Marlborough (see House, No. 4439);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bills enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at ten o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Mr. Mariano of Quincy moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Ann-Margaret Ferrante, a member of the House from Gloucester from 2009 to 2025, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at ten o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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Thursday, December 4, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at ten o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

West Medford Community Center.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Donato of Medford and Barber of Somerville) congratulating the West Medford Community Center on the occasion of its ninetieth anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Livingstone of Boston and Garcia of Chelsea) relative to extending until Friday, January 30, 2026 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4820).

Order (filed by Representatives Fiola of Fall River and Giannino of Revere) relative to extending until Monday, March 16, 2026 the time within which the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4803).

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, December 17, 2025 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4802).

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4821).

Order (filed by Representatives Cabral of New Bedford and Tyler of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4801).

Order (filed by Representative Cusack of Braintree) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4818).

Order (filed by Representatives Cusack of Braintree and Kushmerek of Fitchburg) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4819).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-2040 of Section 2B of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Paid Prior Year Deficiency Report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Paid prior year deficiency report.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7066-1123 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the State University and Community College Mental Health Legislative report of the methodology used to distribute funds for fiscal year 2024;

Higher education,— mental health.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the second quarter of calendar year 2024;

State Police,— crime lab.

From the Department of Transportation (see Section 53 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Morrissey Boulevard Commission's final Morrissey Boulevard Corridor study report; and

Morrissey Boulevard.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 2(f) of Chapter 98 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the Genocide Education Trust Fund and Programming report for fiscal year 2025;

Genocide education,— report.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Department of Youth Services (under Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) relative to sexually dangerous persons in the custody of the department [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on the Judiciary as required by said law], was placed on file.

Sexually dangerous persons.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill providing for the retirement of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield (Senate, No. 1919) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Westfield,— Greg Heath.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the House Bill relative to modernization of insurance laws (House, No. 1084),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42A, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Insurance,— modernization.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to "Critical Incident Leave" (House, No. 2621);

Critical incidents.

Banning hostile architecture targeting unhoused individuals (House, No. 3307);

Accessible building.

Relative to the composition of the licensing board for the city of Salem (House, No. 4007) [Local Approval Received];

Salem,— licensing board.

In relation to James J. O'Neil Park (House, No. 4614, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Lawrence,— land.

Changing the board of selectmen in the town of Boylston to select board (House, No. 4621) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boylston,— select board.

Authorizing the town of Milford select board to appoint a highway surveyor (House, No. 4663) [Local Approval Received];

Milford,— surveyor.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Hong of Lowell, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on a petition, a Bill clarifying rate setting processes for home health and home care services (House, No. 767) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00].

Home health care,— rate setting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to an individual Medicare marketplace option (House, No. 1399) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00].

Medicare,— marketplace option.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:

Updating terminology and investigative practices related to the protection of persons with disabilities (House, No. 243) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00];

Persons with disabilities.

Relative to transparency of consumer health insurance rights (House, No. 1321) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00];

Health plan cards.

Expanding access to hygiene products (House, No. 2390) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00];

Hygiene products.

Requiring automated external defibrillators at sporting events (House, No. 2391) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00];

Sporting events,— defibrillators.

To strengthen our public health infrastructure to address Alzheimer's and all dementia (House, No. 2398) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00];

Alzheimer's and dementia.

Relative to patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive surgery (House, No. 2421) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00];

Reconstructive surgery.

Requiring automatic external defibrillator devices in health clubs (House, No. 2424) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00];

Health clubs,— defibrillators.

To reduce incidence and death from pancreatic cancer (House, No. 2432) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Pancreatic cancer.

Protecting the interests of patients in the event of the sale, relocation or closure of certain physician practices (House, No. 2478) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Physician practices.

Relative to the provision and administration of bronchodilators, spacers, and nebulizers in schools (House, No. 2526) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Bronchodilators and nebulizers.

To improve care and prepare for the new era of Alzheimer's and dementia (House, No. 4302) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Alzheimer's and dementia.

Improving medical decision making (House, No. 4329) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Medical decision making.

Regarding cervical cancer and women's preventative health (House, No. 4337) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Women,— cervical cancer.

Relative to patient access to biomarker testing to provide appropriate therapy (House, No. 4339) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Biomarker testing.

Ensuring access to full spectrum pregnancy care (House, No. 4343) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Pregnancy care.

Relative to insurance coverage for doula services (House, No. 4344) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Doulas,— insurance.

Relative to non-medical switching (House, No. 4491) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Non-medical switching.

To improve outcomes for persons with limb loss and limb difference (House, No. 4549) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Limb loss and limb difference.

Relative to modern family building (House, No. 4550) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Modern family building.

Improving access to infertility treatment (House, No. 4551) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Infertility treatment.

Relative to increasing access to epinephrine (House, No. 4607) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Epinephrine,— access.

To increase access to disposable menstrual products (House, No. 4611) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; Menstrual products.

Relative to culturally competent and effective health care (House, No. 4613) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]; and Health care.

Building resilience and increasing access to mental health services (House, No. 4667) [Cost: Greater than $100,000.00]. Mental health services.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city known as the town of West Springfield to grant 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4287) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The engrossed Bill increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from three members to five (see House, No. 3912) which had been Marblehead,— board of health.

returned by Her Excellency the Governor pursuant to Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution with recommendation of amendment (for message, see House, No. 4798), was considered.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the amendment recommended by the Governor be considered in the following form:

The second sentence of section 1 is hereby amended by striking out the word "select".

The report was accepted. The amendment recommended by the Governor then was adopted. Sent to the Senate for its action.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Relative to the Great Barrington Fire District (House, No. 924); and

Authorizing the town of Scituate to issue four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4657);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game Fund.

The House Bill changing certain instances of the name of the inland fisheries and game fund to the George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund (House, No. 1064) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 5 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 5. Section 2B of said chapter 131, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words 'Inland Fisheries and Game Fund', each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words: George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund."; and

By striking out section 10 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 10. Chapter 101 of the acts of 2003 is hereby amended by striking out section 14 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 14. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any reference to the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund or the Inland Fish and Game Fund in any general or special law shall mean the George L. Darey Inland Fisheries and Game Fund, established by section 2C of chapter 131 of the General Laws.".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1064, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At fourteen minutes after ten o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, December 8, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointments of the Speaker.

Cabo Verdean cultural center.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 2024) he had appointed Representatives Cabral of New Bedford, Diggs of Barnstable and Mendes of Brockton to the special commission to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a statewide Massachusetts Cabo Verdean cultural center in the city of Boston to represent the over two hundred years history of Cabo Verdeans in the Commonwealth.

Guests of the House.

Walpole High School field hockey team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato), declared a brief recess and introduced seated in the House chamber, the Walpole High School Porkers field hockey team and their coach Jen Quinn. The team are 3 time state champions. They were the guests of Representatives Rogers of Norwood, Philips of Sharon, McMurtry of Dedham and Vaughn of Wrentham.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Lawn of Watertown and Kilcoyne of Clinton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4822).

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Tuesday, January 6, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4824).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Philips of Sharon, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Division of Energy Resources,—regulations.

A communication from the Division of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting amendments to 225 CMR 29.00 – small clean energy infrastructure facility siting and permitting (House, No. 4827), was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications

Large building energy use.

From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 20 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting its large building energy use annual report for calendar year 2025; and

Transportation projects.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 2BBBBBB(a½) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Section 19 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the annual transportation projects report for fiscal year 2026;

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

Annual Reports

Veterans services.

Of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (under Section 2 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2025;

Women veterans network.

Of the Women Veterans Network (WVN) of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (under Section 18 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2025; and

Soldiers' homes.

Of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (under Section 12 of Chapter 115A of the General Laws) submitting its 2025 report on the state of the Commonwealth's two Soldiers' Homes for fiscal year 2025 [a copy of said communication was forwarded to the committee on Veterans and Federal, as required by law];

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Abuse prevention.

By Representative Fiola of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carole A. Fiola relative to survivors and holders of abuse or harassment prevention orders.

Crime reporting.

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Homar Gómez relative to reports of crimes to law enforcement officials.

Social media.

By Representative Howard of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vanna Howard relative to social media, algorithm accountability, and transparency.

Child protection agency.

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt for legislation to establish an independent child protection and advocacy agency.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Validating the proceedings at the town of Millbury annual town meeting (printed in Senate, No. 2678) (on a message from Her Excellency the Governor); and

Millbury,— town meeting.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Yacinthe, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Senate, No. 2799) (on Senate bill No. 2651);

Jeffrey Yacinthe,— sick leave.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A report of the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1579) of Liz Miranda and Manny Cruz for legislation to eliminate barriers and expand abortion access for patients under the age of 16, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Abortion,— access.

Reports of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, that the following reports:

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B Of Chapter 128A of the General Laws and Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations changes to 205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing (2025) (Senate, No. 2539); and

Harness horse racing.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B Of Chapter 128A of the General Laws and Section 222 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations for 205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing, 205 CMR 3.11: General Rules, and 205 CMR 3.14: Licenses, Registrations and Fees for Participants in Racing (Senate, No. 2624);

Id.

Recommending that the regulations and conditions are consistent with the statutory provisions under which they were promulgated and that the same severally be placed on file,— accepted by that Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2789) of Peter J. Durant and Kimberly N. Ferguson (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide recall elections in the town of Rutland, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Rutland,— recall elections.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Marjorie C. Decker relative to a special commission (including members of the General Court) on perimenopause and menopause care. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Philips of Sharon, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Health. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Perimenopause and menopause.

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3599) of Mark Harding relative to certain

Cape and Islands,— easements.

easements at Chappaquiddick, Dudley, Gay Head, Herring Pond and Mashpee,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to social security numbers on death certificates (House, No. 2383); — Death certificates.

Removing social security numbers from death certificates (House, No. 2438); and — Id.

Authorizing the select board of the town of Hull to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (House, No. 4247) [Local Approval Received]; — Hull,— parking fines.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Philips of Sharon, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Aging and Independence, on House, No. 781, a Bill establishing the program of all-inclusive care for the elderly (House, No. 4804). — Elderly,— all-inclusive care.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill protecting black girls from targeted toxicity (House, No. 369). — Beauty products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle debt waivers (House, No. 416). — Vehicle debt waivers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 358 and 461, a Bill relative to updating the security of personal information (House, No. 4807). — Personal information.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 364, a Bill relative to the collection of debt (House, No. 4808). — Debt collection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 419, 476 and 4073, a Bill alleviating the burden of medical debt for patients and families (House, No. 4809). — Medical debt.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 457, a Bill relative to greenwashing in advertising and marketing (House, No. 4810). — Advertising,— greenwashing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 465, a Bill relative to the licensing of limited registration dentists (House, No. 4811). — Dentists,— licensing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3940, a Bill relative to restricting telemarketer phone numbers (House, No. 4812). — Telemarketers,— restrictions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4543, a Bill clarifying the existing pipefitting exemption (House, No. 4816). — Pipefitting exemptions.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 333, a Bill relative to the auto damage appraiser licensing board (House, No. 4806). — Licensing board,— auto damage appraisers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4089, a Bill authorizing the town of Milton to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4813) [Local Approval Received]. — Milton,— liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4188, a Bill authorizing the town of Westwood to reissue licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises and grant licenses for the sale of all — Westwood,— liquor licenses.

alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4814) [Local Approval Received].

Arlington,— liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4473, a Bill authorizing the select board of the town of Arlington to place upon a town ballot a question to increase the number of licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4815) [Local Approval Received].

Pembroke,— liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4570, a Bill authorizing the town of Pembroke to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4817) [Local Approval Received].

Orange,— selectmen.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Orange to increase the membership of the board of selectmen (House, No. 4701) [Local Approval Received].

Orange,— town meeting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the annual town meeting for the town of Orange (House, No. 4717) [Local Approval Received].

Dalton,— fire district.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the board of water commissioners of the Dalton fire district (House, No. 4721).

Plainville,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 4382, 4383, 4384, 4385 and 4386, a Bill amending the town charter of the town of Plainville (House, No. 4805) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Regarding the recall of elected officers of the town of Sharon (House, No. 862); and

Third reading bills.

Further amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 4399);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, December 11, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Decker of Cambridge.

A statement of Ms. Decker of Cambridge was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Decker of Cambridge.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of November 5, 2025 due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 105, 106 and 107. My missing of roll calls was due entirely to the reason stated.

Resolutions.

Stoneham,—300th anniversary.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Day of Stoneham) congratulating the town of Stoneham on the three hundredth anniversary of the town's founding, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Day of Stoneham and Fluker-Reid of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on the Judiciary is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4825).

Order (filed by Representatives Arciero of Westford and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4836).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Public Service,— extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives Ryan of Boston and Higgins of Leominster) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4837) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Whipps of Athol, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Revenue,— extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, February 20, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4828) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Telecommunications and cable.

From the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (see Section 6 of Chapter 25C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2025;

High-cost drugs impact.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 13L of Chapter 118E the General Laws) submitting the 340B/High-Cost Drugs Impact report;

Sexually dangerous persons.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) relative to sexually dangerous persons in the custody of the department during calendar year 2024 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on the Judiciary as required by said law];

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the October 30, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from October 2, 2025 to October 29, 2025; and

Recidivism rates.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see items 0330-0613 and 8900-1100 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on One Year Recidivism Rates of Men and Women released from 2017-2021 and Multi-Year Descriptive Analysis of Risk Reduction Programs;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Sonia Felix,— sick leave.

By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sonia Felix, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance.

Data centers,— electricity.

By Representative Elliott of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rodney M. Elliott relative to the cost of electricity at large and qualified data centers.

Breakdown lane restrictions.

By Representative Haggerty of Woburn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to restrictions on highway breakdown lane travel.

Schools,—health.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to health and sanitation in schools.

Schools,—safety.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to a student safety education course in schools.

Marnie Goldstein,—sick leave.

By Representative Jones of North Reading and Senator Crighton, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marnie Jean Goldstein, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Mental health information system.

By Representative Silvia of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alan Silvia for legislation to establish a violent and dangerous persons mental health information system within the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Malden,—charter.

The House Bill amending the charter of the city of Malden (House, No. 4233), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2808. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Athol,—fund.

The House Bill dissolving a certain special fund in the town of Athol (House, No. 4401) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2812. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

School bus safety,—study.

A petition of Paul W. Mark for legislation to create a special commission to examine school bus safety, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2861) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Reports of Committees.

Dogs and kennels.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Brian M. Ashe for legislation to further regulate dogs and kennels. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Resolve providing for a special commission to examine anti-slavery education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 605); and — Anti-slavery education.

Of the Bill relative to increased transportation options for Arlington and Lexington (House, No. 3666); — Arlington and Lexington.

And recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Validating the proceedings at the town of Millbury annual town meeting (printed in Senate, No. 2678); and — Millbury,— town meeting.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jeffrey Yacinthe, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Senate, No. 2799); and — Jeffrey Yacinthe.

The House Bill establishing a pilot program allowing for in-person payment of daily parking fees at certain commuter rail stations operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3664); and — Commuter rail,— parking fees.

The House Resolve directing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of extending the orange line (House, No. 3733); — Orange line,— extension.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill relative to gambling addiction (House, No. 2416), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. — Commission,— gambling addiction.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill requiring food allergen certification in vocational schools (House, No. 528). — Schools,— food allergens.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill [sic] to charter school renewals (House, No. 634). — Charter school renewals.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a green energy track in vocational schools (House, No. 685). — Vocational schools.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to the enhanced disposition of surplus motor vehicles owned by the commonwealth or authorities established by the state (House, No. 3289). — State vehicles,— surplus.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to bidding for public construction contracts (House, No. 3300). — Construction contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for gender-neutral bathrooms (House, No. 3317). — Gender-neutral bathrooms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the 401(k) CORE program (House, No. 3332). — Deferred compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the definition of fraud in public construction bid laws (House, No. 3333). — Construction,— fraud.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely public payments for work not included in original construction contracts (House, No. 3334). — Construction,— payments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to minority participation goals in exclusive contracts (House, No. 3340). — Contracts,— minorities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the fair participation of minority and women-owned businesses on public construction projects (House, No. 3347). Construction,— participation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the state property zoning exemption (House, No. 3359). Zoning,— property.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely decisions by awarding authorities (House, No. 3361). Contracts,— decisions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further defining fraud in public construction contracts (House, No. 3385). Contracts,— fraud.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to educational collaboratives (House, No. 3386). Educational collaboratives.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to waive chargebacks on state grants, federal grant awards, federal subgrants and subsidies for the Regional Emergency Communication Center on Martha's Vineyard (House, No. 3389). Martha's Vineyard,— grants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enhancing the effectiveness of nonprofits' core mission work through full cost funding (House, No. 3428). Nonprofits,— funding.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a Massachusetts Baby Bonds program (House, No. 3429). Baby bonds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the release or exclusion of certain land from conservation restrictions in the town of Deerfield (House, No. 4483) [Local Approval Received]. Deerfield,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3408, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Tewksbury (House, No. 4823). Tewksbury,— land.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Billerica to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (House, No. 4632) [Local Approval Received]. Billerica,— police age limit.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill modernizing microphotographic recording of documents (House, No. 3321). Documents,— recording.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the purchase or lease of certain property known as Fenn Farm in the town of Stockbridge (House, No. 4648). Stockbridge,— Fenn Farm.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, Resolutions urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a national infrastructure bank (House, No. 3416). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. National infrastructure bank.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Westfield to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (see House, No. 3916) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for noise ordinance violations (House, No. 4603), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, December 15, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Bellingham High School girls volleyball team.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced the Bellingham High School girls volleyball team. They recently won the 2025 Division 3 State Championship, marking their first championship in school history. They were the guests of Mr. Soter of Bellingham.

Communications.

Communications

Behavioral health.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 16DD of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Office of Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention for fiscal year 2025;

Capital expenditures.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 62 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting its report for fiscal year 2025 which contains a list of all capital projects, the legislation and line-item, authorizing such funding, the municipalities and the legislative districts in which such projects are located;

Statutory basis financial report.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) providing an updated status on the filing of the 2025 Statutory Basis Financial Report, which has been missed due to the supplemental appropriation bill deadline having passed;

State Police crime lab.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the first quarter of calendar year 2025;

Id.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024; and

Id.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the third quarter of calendar year 2024;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4842) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) relative to the organization of the Lexington Housing Assistance Board. To the committee on Housing. Lexington,—housing board.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4843) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) relative to the exchange of certain park land in the town of Lexington from the select board to the school committee; Lexington,—land.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4844) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment and removal authority for employees of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham; and Wilbraham,—town administrator.

By Representatives McKenna of Sutton and Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4845) of Joseph D. McKenna and Michael J. Soter (by vote of the town) that the town of Uxbridge be authorized to publish legal notices in print or online. Uxbridge, —legal notices.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4846) of Natalie M. Blais (by vote of the town) that the town of Colrain be authorized to continue the employment of Nicholas Anzuoni, chief of the fire department of said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and Colrain,—Nicholas Anzuoni.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4848) of Natalie M. Blais (by vote of the town) that the town of Colrain be authorized to continue the employment of Kevin Worden, Sr., deputy chief of the fire department of said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. Colrain,—Kevin Worden.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day relative to access to applied behavior analysis services in schools. Behavior analysis.

By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dennis C. Gallagher for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sally Desrosiers, an employee of the Department of Correction. Sally Desrosiers,—sick leave.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston (House, No. 4031), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2860. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Weston,—special police.

A Bill amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 2859) (on Senate bill Nos. 24 and 25) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by Sandwich,—charter.

the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

School choice.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the joint petition of John Barrett, III relative to school choice. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Regional schools.

Expanding ballot access for regional school district votes (House, No. 836);

Billerica,— police officers.

Authorizing the town of Billerica to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (House, No. 4632) [Local Approval Received];

Business districts.

Improve business improvement districts (House, No. 4756);

Bridgewater,— town charter.

Authorizing Bridgewater town charter amendment for gender neutral language (House, No. 4781) [Local Approval Received]; and

Westwood,— liquor licenses.

Authorizing the town of Westwood to reissue licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises and grant licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House No. 4814) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

In-state drug manufacturing.

Of the Bill relative to assessing the feasibility of in-state drug manufacturing (House, No. 763);

Affordable housing.

Of the Resolve establishing a special commission to study and make recommendations relative to Chapter 40B (House, No. 1486);

Elders,— financial abuse.

Of the Bill establishing a commission to study the financial abuse of elders (House, No. 4749); and

Housing and density.

Of the Bill establishing a commission to study housing affordability and density reform (House, No. 4762);

And recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Retirement credits.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 27 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill establishing a special commission on retirement credit purchases (House, No. 27). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Pension forfeiture.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 19 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill relative to pension forfeiture (House, No. 19).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 20 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill relative to post retirement earnings (House, No. 20). Post retirement earnings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 21 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill relative to Chapter 32 Section 8 and modifications of retirement allowances (House, No. 21). Retirement allowances,— modifications

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 22 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill providing for statement of financial interests flexibility (House, No. 22). Financial interests statements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 23 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill to provide for payment of creditable service (House, No. 23). Creditable service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 24 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill clarifying the Chapter 32 definition of wages (House, No. 24). Wages,— definition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 25 and on a part of House, No. 18, a Bill relative to the enabling statute of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (House, No. 25). PERAC.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 28 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill relative to pension forfeiture (House, No. 28). Pensions,— forfeiture.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 29 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill relative to the interest charged on refund buybacks (House, No. 29). Refund buybacks,— interest.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 30 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill clarifying creditable service buyback for publicly funded non-public schools (House, No. 30). Creditable service,— schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 31 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill relative to reducing delinquent pension reporting (House, No. 31). Pensions,— reporting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 32 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill to extend the opportunity to purchase teaching service in all territories of the United States (House, No. 32). Teaching,— buybacks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 33 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill relative to the definition of wages for retirement calculations (House, No. 33). Wages,— retirement calculations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 34 and on a part of House, No. 26, a Bill relative to parental and family leave equity for members of public retirement systems (House, No. 34). Family leave,— retirees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 45 and on a part of House, No. 35, a Bill updating judicial retirement benefits (House, No. 45). Judges,— retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 44 and on a part of House, No. 35, a Bill relative to non-Commonwealth entities (House, No. 4829). Retirement,— entities.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from 3 to 5 members (see House, No. 3912, amended) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by Her Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly Bill re-enacted.

and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill further regulating appointments to the Acton Memorial Library (see House, No. 4173) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The Senate Bill providing for the issuance of revenue bonds for the construction and reconstruction of telecommunications facilities by the city of Quincy (Senate, No. 2625), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Making the charter of the county of Nantucket gender neutral (House, No. 4504) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Authorizing the county of Nantucket to convey School Street situated in the town and county of Nantucket for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4505);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next sitting.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, December 18, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Speaker Mariano of Quincy) was referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Fifth Essex Representative District,— time for election to fill vacancy.

Ordered, That the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the General Court from the Fifth Essex District shall designate Tuesday, March 31, 2026, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4847).

Order (filed by Representatives Ryan of Boston and Higgins of Leominster) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4865).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Id.

Order (filed by Representatives Cahill of Lynn and Worrell of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4864).

Order (filed by Representatives Madaro of Boston and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Friday, February 20, 2026 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4841).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Education,—extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4863) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Cannabis Control Commission.

From the Cannabis Control Commission (see Section 4(h) of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) submitting its eighth annual activities report for fiscal year 2025;

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

From the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for October, 2025;

Public Counsel Services.

From the Committee for Public Counsel Services (see Section 17 of Chapter 211D of the General Laws) submitting its Title IV-E report for calendar year 2025;

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the November 13, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and

Settlements and judgements.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1599-3384 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Settlements and Judgements accounts payable report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2026;

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

Permanent rental protections.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections, was placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Grafton,—rodenticides.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2877) of Michael O. Moore and David K. Muradian, Jr. (by vote of the town) for legislation to prohibit or restrict the application of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Tewksbury,—lease.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2878) of Barry R. Finegold and David Allen Robertson (by vote of the town) for legislation to lease the North Street Elementary School for a term of years not exceeding 99 years. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A communication from the Division of Banks (pursuant to Section 6A of Chapter 171 of the General Laws) submitting the final amended regulation 209 CMR 50.00 et seq.: Parity with Federal Credit Unions (Senate, No. 2871), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Financial Services. Federal credit unions,— regulations.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the joint petition of Carole A. Fiola relative to survivors and holders of abuse or harassment prevention orders. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Abuse prevention.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 2859) [Local Approval Received]; and Sandwich,— charter.

House bills

Relative to dark money in local government (House, No. 806); Campaign funds.

Relative to police certification (House, No. 2582); and Police certification.

Providing for recall elections in the town of Dalton (House, No. 4242, changed) [Local Approval Received]; Dalton,— recall elections.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill to establish a Massachusetts children's cabinet (House, No. 3302). Children's cabinet.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Poland Trade Commission (House, No. 3376). Commission,— Poland trade.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a commission on infrastructure resilience (House, No. 3437). Commission,— infrastructure.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Revenue, on so much as relates to sections 45 to 72, inclusive, 85 and 86 of House, No. 56, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning certain revenue petitions relating to property and local taxes (House, No. 4850). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Property and local taxes,— study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, on the foregoing Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study Id.

of a certain House document concerning certain revenue petitions relating to property and local taxes (House, No. 4850), reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of sections 45 to 72, inclusive, 85 and 86 of the message from Her Excellency the Governor's recommending legislation relative to empowering municipalities and local governments (for message, see House No. 56),— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Revenue.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Government accountability.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 6 and on a part of House, No. 3, a Bill improving government accountability (House, No. 6).

State agencies,— internal controls.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 7 and on a part of House, No. 3, a Bill improving the internal controls within state agencies (House, No. 7).

Uniform Procurement Law.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 12 and on a part of House, No. 11, a Bill updating Chapter 30B (House, No. 12).

Snow removal.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 13 and on a part of House, No. 11, a Bill relative to snow hauling and removal (House, No. 13).

401(k) CORE plan.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 40 and on a part of House, No. 35, a Bill relative to the 401(k) CORE Plan (House, No. 40).

Public hiring preferences.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public hiring preference for veterans, peace corps, americorps and commonwealth corps [sic] workers (House, No. 3284).

Bridgewater State Hospital.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3291 and 3313, a Bill transferring Bridgewater State Hospital from the Department of Correction to the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 3291).

Food and security.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Executive Office of Food Resources and Security (House, No. 3331).

Structural racism.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the executive office of structural racism (House, No. 3348).

Civil rights and inclusion.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting the civil rights and inclusion of American Muslims in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3351).

Workplaces,— safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to fair pay and safe workplaces (House, No. 3360).

Open meeting law complaints.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting governmental efficiency (House, No. 3382).

Commission,— member.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill adding an indigenous member to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (House, No. 3390).

Commission,— diversity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote diversity on public boards and commissions (House, No. 3398).

Diwali Day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3326 and 3430, a Bill designating Diwali Day as a state holiday (House, No. 3430, changed in section 1, in lines 4 and 5, by striking out the following- "establishing the day as a state holiday,".).

Commission on the Status of Women.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (House, No. 3433).

Recovery and reconstruction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3439, 3440 and 3441, a Bill [sic] the Commonwealth housing, economic, education and equity in recovery and reconstruction (House, No. 3439).

Freedmen affairs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a Massachusetts Agency of Freedmen Affairs (House, No. 4351).

State grants,— rural communities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3311, a Bill advancing equity for rural communities receiving state grants (House, No. 4830).

Public meetings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3283, 3290, 3299, 3328, 3342 and 3426, a Bill to modernize participation in public meetings (House, No. 4831).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mercy Otis Warren,— memorial.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill directing the superintendent of state office buildings to install a permanent memorial in the Massachusetts State House in honor of Mercy Otis Warren (House, No. 3315).

HIV and AIDS epidemic.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing Getting to Zero Week (House, No. 3381).

Official ice cream flavor.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing the official ice cream flavor of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3409).

Lobular breast cancer day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day (House, No. 4625).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

Amy Tanguay,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amy Tanguay, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4647), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills

Providing for the issuance of revenue bonds for the construction and reconstruction of telecommunications facilities by the city of Quincy (see Senate, No. 2625) (which originated in the Senate); and

Relative to the town resident requirement for the town manager of the town of Dalton (see House, No. 4210) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Establishing the fourth Thursday in March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day (House, No. 3306);

Relative to the appointment of the police chief in the city of Fall River (House, No. 4214);

Amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington (House, No. 4502); and

Relative to Town Manager Powers of Appointment in the town of Bridgewater (House, No. 4579) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Rockland,— charter.

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2716, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4866.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2716, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, December 22, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

United States Postal Service.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Decker of Cambridge) honoring the United States Postal Service on the occasion of its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Chan of Quincy and Keefe of Worcester) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4872).

Order (filed by Representatives Barber of Somerville and Cataldo of Concord) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4871).

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Tuesday, January 27, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4874).

Order (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Kerans of Danvers) relative to extending until Monday, March 16, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4873).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 69 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting its gaming revenue reports and associated sports wagering revenue report through October, 2025; Gaming and sports wagering revenue.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 1A and 1B of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the actual revenue tax and non-tax collections for the first quarter of fiscal year 2026; Tax and non-tax revenue collections.

From the Department of Public Health (see item 4590-0915 of Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting a report on the status of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children; Pappas hospital.

From the Office of the Comptroller (see item 1595-7066 of Section 2E of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Massachusetts Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Pipeline Fund transfer schedule for fiscal year 2026; and STEM transfer schedule.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8900-1100 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on Correctional Industries Program Participation and Recidivism on incarcerated individuals released in 2018; Incarcerated individuals.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for October, 2025, was placed on file. Net state tax revenue.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gallagher of Bridgewater, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4877) of Dennis C. Gallagher (by vote of the town) that the town of Raynham be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Raynham,—liquor license.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4878) of Dennis C. Gallagher (by vote of the town) that the town of Raynham be authorized to lease certain municipal real property for up to 99 years. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Raynham,—lease.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4879) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Jonathan Gagne to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service. Haverhill,—Jonathan Gagne.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Field of Taunton (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jim Durkin for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for William Blalock, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office. William Blalock,—sick leave.

Michelle Joseph,— sick leave.

By Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael P. Kushmerek for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michelle Joseph, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Milford,— liquor license.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Milford to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages into a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 4359, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document 2893. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Boston,— Cherell Mellace.

A Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officer Cherell Mellace (Senate, No. 1907) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

Marnie Jean Goldstein,— sick leave.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the joint petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marnie Jean Goldstein, an employee of the Department of Children and Families. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Orange,— selectmen.

Authorizing the town of Orange to increase the membership of the board of selectmen (House, No. 4701) [Local Approval Received];

Orange,— town meeting.

Relative to the annual town meeting for the town of Orange (House, No. 4717) [Local Approval Received];

Auto appraisers.

Relative to the auto damage appraiser licensing board (House, No. 4806); and

Milton,— liquor licenses.

Authorizing the town of Milton to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4813) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Norwood hospital working group.

By Mr. Galvin on Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill establishing a Norwood hospital working group (House, No. 2525),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith, and it was accepted.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to the small necessities leave act (House, No. 2083). Family and medical leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enforce laws protecting worksite safety (House, No. 2101). Workplace safety.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to health equity and community health workers (House, No. 359) [Representative Thurber or Somerset dissenting]. Community health workers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing senior psychologist licensure (House, No. 462). Senior psychologists.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to patient access to certain health care services (House, No. 2477) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Health care,— patient access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2497, a Bill relative to medical health and fitness facilities (House, No. 4834) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting]. Health and fitness facilities.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill expanding access to trails for people of all abilities (House, No. 915) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Trails,— access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a pilot program for nature-based solutions to climate change (House, No. 971) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Climate change,— solutions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the municipal reforestation program (House, No. 1013) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting]. Municipal reforestation.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on House, No. 1476, a Bill to codify pet-friendly elderly housing policies and ensure pet parity across housing authorities (House, No. 4835). Housing policies.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill creating fairness in workers' compensation disfigurement benefits (House, No. 2105). Workers' compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the Massachusetts Paid Family Medical Leave Law definitions of a covered business entity and a covered contract worker (House, No. 2109). Family medical leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving the Massachusetts Paid Family Medical Leave Law (House, No. 2110). Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to workers' compensation disfigurement benefits concerning scarring (House, No. 2123). Workers' compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to transparency in employee benefits reporting in private construction (House, No. 2144). Private construction,— benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect injured workers (House, No. 2151). Injured workers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the self-certification of benefits for small businesses (House, No. 2155). Family medical leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to protecting the interests of minor children featured on for-profit family vlogs (House, No. 2170). Social media protections,—minors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to prevent heat-related illness in public sector outdoor workers (House, No. 2172). Outdoor workers,—protection.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to abandoned remains (House, No. 2464). Abandoned remains.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2436, a Bill to eliminate fees for the removal of a child's body by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (House, No. 4833). Body removal.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill protecting an employee's right to rebuttal of personnel records (House, No. 2112). Personnel records.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to professional employer organizations (House, No. 2113). Employer organizations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to anti-retaliation protections for public employees (House, No. 2116). Public employees.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill validating the proceedings at the town of Millbury annual town meeting (printed in Senate, No. 2678), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Third reading bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, December 24, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Representatives Barber of Somerville and Cataldo of Concord) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4885).

Order (filed by Representatives Domb of Amherst and DuBois of Brockton) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4886).

Order (filed by Representatives Ryan of Boston and Higgins of Leominster) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4875).

Order (filed by Representatives Arciero of Westford and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4884).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

PRIM Board.

From the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (see Section 23 of Chapter 32(2A)(e)(xi) of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly financial report as of September 30, 2025;

Personal care attendants.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0601 contained in Section 111 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025) submitting the Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Working Group report regarding long-term sustainability and cost-containment;

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Correction report on Objective Point Base Classification for fiscal year 2024; Objective points base classification.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8900-0001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Correction School Year 2023-2024 Educational Programming report; and School year educational program.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 43 of Chapter 127 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Department of Public Health Abortion Desert and Maternity Care Desert report; Abortion and maternity care.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4887) of Michelle L. Badger (by vote of the town) that the town of Plymouth be authorized to establish a special revenue account for land acquisition; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Plymouth,— account.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill modernizing the commonwealth's cannabis laws (House, No. 4206), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2749. Cannabis laws.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donahue of Worcester, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Donahue of Worcester, González of Springfield and Soter of Bellingham were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined. Committee of conference.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to issue 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4657, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 1, in lines 57 to 61, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting the following paragraph: Scituate,— liquor licenses.

"(2) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under clause (iii) of subsection (a) or any such license is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority, which may then grant the license to a new applicant in the same district for which the license was originally granted under the same conditions as specified in this section.".

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill further regulating the amendment of a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson (Senate, No. 2895) (on Senate bill No. 1425) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Hanson,— conservation land.

Newton,—legal notices.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2894) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Greg Schwartz and John J. Lawn, Jr. (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize print-free digital legal notices in the city of Newton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Documents.

Modernizing microphotographic recording of documents (House, No. 3321);

Dalton Fire District.

Relative to the board of water commissioners of the Dalton fire district (House, No. 4721);

Arlington,—liquor licenses.

Authorizing the select board of the town of Arlington to place upon a town ballot a question to increase the number of licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4815) [Local Approval Received]; and

Pembroke,—liquor license.

Authorizing the town of Pembroke to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4817) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Artificial intelligence,—data centers.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special legislative commission to study load growth due to AI and data centers (House, No. 83) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Caribbean American cultural center.

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill creating a commission establishing a Massachusetts Caribbean American Cultural Center (House, No. 3602).

Springfield,—museum and cultural center.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3601, a Bill to study the development of an underground railroad, civil rights and black heritage museum and cultural center in Springfield (House, No. 4840).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Elections,—misinformation.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on a petition, a Bill to protect against election misinformation (House, No. 76) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Artificial intelligence,—responsibility.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill fostering artificial intelligence responsibility (House, No. 77) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Artificial intelligence,—systems.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 94 and 97, a Bill protecting consumers in interactions with artificial intelligence systems (House, No. 97) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Creative economy.

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill to grow and maintain space in cities and towns for the creative economy (House, No. 3587).

Community engagement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a program for local art and community engagement (House, No. 3592).

Tourism grants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3588, a Bill relative to tourism marketing and promotion grants (House, No. 4839).

Suicide prevention.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to 988 Samaritan suicide prevention signs on bridges of the commonwealth (House, No. 3604).

Vanity plate fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to vanity plate fees (House, No. 3605).

Selective service,—registration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure benefits through enhanced Selective Service registration (House, No. 3718).

Hot box detectors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to hot box detectors (House, No. 3719).

Data reporting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to third party delivery data reporting (House, No. 3732).

Driving,—record.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting personal access of driving records (House, No. 3742).

License plates,—fallen firefighters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3786 and 3793, a Bill to authorize Massachusetts Fallen Firefighter Memorial motorcycle license plates (House, No. 3793).

Human trafficking.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to human trafficking awareness (House, No. 3796).

License plates,—Blue Star Families.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Blue Star Family license plate (House, No. 3811).

Driving records.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote driving records for non profits free of charge (House, No. 4072).

Loads,—transportation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to modernizing permitting for the transportation of certain loads (House, No. 4428, changed in line 11, by striking out the figures: “115” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “135”).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Digital replicas.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on House, No. 74, a Bill relative to the contracting of digital replicas (House, No. 4832) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Cultural council membership.

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill related to local and regional cultural council membership (House, No. 3596).

Native American heritage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect Native American heritage (House, No. 3597).

Electronic scanning.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to electronic scanning of identification (House, No. 3716).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

Marie Letendre,—sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marie Letendre, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see House, No. 4565, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill validating the proceedings at the town of Millbury annual town meeting (see Senate bill printed in Senate, No. 2678) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Id.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Dartmouth Fire District No. 1 prudential committee to appoint a treasurer (see House, No. 3952) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Milford Select Board to appoint a highway surveyor (House, No. 4663); and

Authorizing the town of Westwood to reissue licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises and grant licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4814);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Billerica,—police age limit.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Billerica to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (House, No. 4632), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in lines 7 and 8, by striking out the following:

“, or to a maximum of 43 years and 364 days for veterans of active military duty”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4632, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, December 29, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communications.

Communications

Norfolk County,—technology fund.

From the Office of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund fifty-fifth planned expenditure [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Home insurance.

From the Commissioner of Insurance (see Sections 4A and 4B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting the Annual Home Insurance Report of the Division on Insurance for calendar year 2024 [copies of the report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Financial Services, and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, as required by said law];

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2025 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the November 26, 2025 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program;

Temporary respite centers.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report from October 29, 2025 to November 24, 2025;

State Police Crime Lab.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for the second quarter of calendar year 2025; and

Clean Energy Fund.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see item 1599-6081 of Section 2 of Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the Clean Energy Fund Report for calendar year 2025;

Severally were placed on file.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Westfield,—Greg Heath.

The Senate Bill providing for the retirement of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield (Senate, No. 1919) [Local Approval Received];

House bills

Relative to the purchase or lease of certain property known as Fenn Farm in the town of Stockbridge (House, No. 4648); and

Stockbridge,— Fenn Farm.

Amending the town charter of the town of Plainville (House, No. 4805) [Local Approval Received];

Plainville,— charter.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to enhance standards of care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities (House, No. 242).

Persons with disabilities,— care standards.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase the safety of individuals with disabilities relying on life-support equipment (House, No. 282).

Life-support equipment,— safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 261 and 264, a Bill relative to supported decision-making agreements for certain adults (House, No. 4852).

Decision-making agreements.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill establishing a livable home modification grant program (House, No. 219).

Home modification grant program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to assisting elders and people with disabilities in the Commonwealth (House, No. 278).

Assistance program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to studying best practices for ensuring the safety of blind persons (House, No. 287).

Blind persons,— safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 208 and 256, a Bill requiring universal changing stations in public buildings (House, No. 4851).

Diaper changing stations.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for Pierre Charles Darius of Mattapan (House, No. 3925) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,— Pierre Charles Darius.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Keny Gateau (House, No. 3926) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,— Keny Gateau.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jean E. Roseney (House, No. 3927) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,— Jean Roseney.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Adam Watt (House, No. 3928) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,— Adam Watt.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Chris Glaropoulos (House, No. 4092) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,— Chris Glaropoulos.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jason DeLeon (House, No. 4142) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,— Jason DeLeon.

Rochester,—Scott Weigel.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of fire chief Scott Weigel (House, No. 4235) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—Gissell Melo.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Gissell Melo (House, No. 4246) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—Rodney Alcindor.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Rodney Alcindor (House, No. 4254) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—Jonathan Telfort.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jonathan Telfort (House, No. 4255) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—Jose Ortiz.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jose Ortiz (House, No. 4256) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—Luis Cabral.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luis Cabral (House, No. 4349) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—Angela Depina.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Angela C. Depina (House, No. 4388) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—Angel Rivera.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Angel G. Rivera (House, No. 4389) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—Nick Santos.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Nick Santos to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4390) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—Alex Rodriguez.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Alex J. Rodriguez (House, No. 4391) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—Anthony Morales.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Anthony Morales to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4442) [Local Approval Received].

Monterey,—Jennifer Brown.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4387, a Bill authorizing the town of Monterey to continue the employment of police officer Jennifer O. Brown (House, No. 4862) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marie Letendre, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see House, No. 4565) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the composition of the licensing board for the city of Salem (House, No. 4007); and

Relative to the Monson select board (House, No. 4602);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

Representative Biele of Boston moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Michael F. Flaherty, a member of the House from Boston from 1967 to 1990, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, December 31, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Order.

Education,—extension of time for reporting.

The Order (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ayers of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4889) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Communications.

Communications

Housing Appeals Committee.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 22 of Chapter 40B of the General Laws, as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Housing Appeals Committee report for the period of November 1, 2024 through November 1, 2025;

Housing development incentive.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (see Section 4 of Chapter 40V of the General Laws) submitting its Housing Development Incentive annual report for fiscal year 2025;

Federal credit unions.

From the Division of Banks (see Section 6A of Chapter 171 of the General Laws) submitting amendments to 209 CMR: Parity with Federal Credit Unions; and

Rural school aid.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9813 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on Rural School Aid for fiscal year 2024;

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

Open space preservation.

A report of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under Section 5A(b)(3) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its 2025 report on the status of funds authorized in lieu of replacement land pursuant to open space preservation in the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Quincy,—physical exam records.

Representative Chan of Quincy presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4890) of Tackey Chan and Bruce J. Ayers (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the maintenance of pre-employment physical examination records for public safety personnel in the city of Quincy; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Nitrous oxide,—sale.

By Representative Barrett of North Adams and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John Barrett, III and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the sale of nitrous oxide.

LLC fees.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to reducing limited liability company filing and annual report fees.

State vegetable.

By Representative Gómez of Easthampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Homar Gómez and others for legislation to designate asparagus as the official vegetable of the Commonwealth.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

Boston,—Antonio Pires.

A Bill directing the police department of the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Antonio Pires (Senate, No. 27) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Boston,—Rodney Alcindor.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Rodney Alcindor (House, No. 4254) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—Jonathan Telfort.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jonathan Telfort (House, No. 4255) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Children, families and persons with disabilities matters,—study.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, Nos. 198, 200, 203, 204, 205, 206, 211, 212, 213, 218, 228, 229, 230, 238, 239, 248, 251, 257, 263, 271, 284, 286, 288, 292, 296 and 4180, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to children, families and persons with disabilities matters (House, No. 4883).

Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities,— study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, on the foregoing Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to children, families and persons with disabilities matters (House, No. 4883) reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Behavioral health,— children.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 213) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to ensuring access to behavioral health services for children involved with state agencies; and

Disabled adults,— finances.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 296) of Paul McMurtry relative to financial exploitation of certain adults with disabilities;

And recommending that the same severally be recommitted to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

PFAS contamination.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on House, No. 109, a Bill protecting our soil, farms and food from PFAS contamination (House, No. 4853).

Agricultural resilience.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 112 and 4430, a Bill fostering agricultural resilience in Massachusetts (House, No. 4854) [Fiscal Note: $3,000,000.00].

Urban farmland.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 121, a Bill relative to urban farmland (House, No. 4855).

Cranberry water use.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No 1058, a Bill relative to a cranberry water use transfer program (House, No. 4856).

Superior Court,— release conditions.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1601, a Bill regarding conditions of release in Superior Court (House, No. 4857).

Court custody,— suicide threats.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1685, a Bill relating to threats of suicide while in court custody (House, No. 4859).

Safety and justice.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1667, 1691, 1758 and 1845, a Bill relative to safety and justice (House, No. 4860).

Community corrections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1897, a Bill relative to community corrections (House, No. 4861).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Records,— expungement.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1645, a Bill to update expungement (House, No. 4858). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Bills enacted.

Establishing a select board-town administrator form of government in the town of Rochester (see House, No. 4030); and

Further regulating the term of the town moderator in the town of Norwood (see House, No. 4381);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Scituate,— liquor licenses.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to issue 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4657), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill changing the board of selectmen in the town of Boylston to select board (House, No. 4621), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 5, 2026.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communications.

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Electric vehicle rebates.

From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 19 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting its report entitled 'Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) Program' for calendar year 2024;

Crime guns.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 131Q of Chapter 140 of the General Laws) submitting the Crime Gun annual report of the Department of the Massachusetts State Police for calendar year 2023; and

Restorative justice.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 5 of Chapter 276B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report for the Restorative Justice Advisory Committee;

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

Monthly reports

Net state tax revenue.

Of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5(e) of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for November, 2025; and

Permanent rental protections.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Uniform Commercial Code.

Representative Peisch of Wellesley presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Wellesley,—land.

The House Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Wellesley (House, No.

4363), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document 2724. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Plainville (Senate, No. 1898) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Plainville,— police officers.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of John Barrett, III and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the sale of nitrous oxide. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Nitrous oxide,— sale.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jim Durkin for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for William Blalock, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office. To the committee on Public Service.

William Blalock,— sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Moakley of Falmouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill establishing a special commission on retirement credit purchases (House, No. 27);

Retirement credits.

Of the Bill to establish a Massachusetts children's cabinet (House, No. 3302);

Children's cabinet.

Of the Bill relative to the Massachusetts Poland Trade Commission (House, No. 3376); and

Commission,— Poland trade.

Of the Resolve establishing a commission on infrastructure resilience (House, No. 3437);

Commission,— infrastructure.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Protecting an employee's right to rebuttal of personnel records (House, No. 2112);

Personnel records.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Chris Glaropoulos (House, No. 4092) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,— Chris Glaropoulos.

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jason DeLeon (House, No. 4142) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,— Jason DeLeon.

Establishing Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day (House, No. 4625);

Breast cancer.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Moakley of Falmouth, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Oral health.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 2410, a Bill to improve oral health for all Massachusetts residents (House, No. 4869).

PFAS.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2450, a Bill to protect Massachusetts public health from PFAS (House, No. 4870).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Fresh food retail.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill establishing an advisory committee on the accessibility of fresh food retail in communities throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 2516). Read; and referred under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Menstrual products.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill concerning disposable menstrual products in schools (House, No. 684).

Food donation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the promotion of food donation (House, No. 2455).

Cytomegalovirus.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus (House, No. 4367).

Medical exams,— chaperone.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House Nos. 2362 and 2401, a Bill relative to chaperones for medical exams (House, No. 4868) [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissenting].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Westborough,— charter.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4751) [Local Approval Received].

Revere,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for rooming house & certificates of fitness ordinance violations (House, No. 4752) [Local Approval Received].

Westwood,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Westwood (House, No. 4753) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to issue 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4657, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Id.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Acushnet (see House, No. 2341) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill authorizing the select board of the town of Hull to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (House, No. 4247), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Randolph,— charter.

The House Bill relative to the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph (House, No. 4400), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a Bill amending the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph regarding compensation of town council and school committee members and meetings of multiple-member bodies (House, No. 4891), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned.

[Under the provisions of Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution, the 2025 session of the General Court was dissolved on the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January, without any proclamation or other act of Her Excellency the Governor.]

ATTEST:

TIMOTHY CARROLL,
Clerk.